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CRUISER QUESTION

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AMERICAN EXPANSION

The official statement on the question of the British and American naval conversations on disarmament reviews the whole position very carefully. There is still ground for belief that all is by no means plain sailing between the two countries as yet, however. Great Britain holds very strongly that submarines should be eliminated from warfare. Great Britain is firm in her insistence on keeping down American cruiser tonnage, but makes clear that, whatever America may do in the way of expanding her fleet, she will find no response in the British programme.

THE NAVAL CONVERSATIONS

London, Yesterday.
Reuter is authoritatively informed that in the beginning of the British and American naval conversations, the British Government, mindful of past failures, resolved to start completely afresh. It has been already made clear that British construction is not concerned with American construction, but with purely British responsibilities, for instance, the Palestine situation, which came as a "bolt from the blue." A certain fleet standard has been worked out to meet such responsibilities, and the British Government would have reviewed the whole position of the fleet in any event with the Dominions, which have been consulted throughout. It has been assumed throughout the negotiations that the object of a British Empire fleet is unity, and the Dominions will be represented at the five Powers' conference.

Desire for Parity

Great Britain does not object to the United States' desire for parity. Both want to reduce expenditure, hence the problem of agreement is both difficult and complicated. It was felt that an armaments' agreement was not reachable without a political agreement, therefore conversations were started with the Kellogg Pact as the basis. The next question was the survey of the various sections of the fleet. Battleships were dealt with at the Washington Conference. As regards destroyers, it is felt that agreement may be reached on an equality of displacement tonnage. As regards submarines, Great Britain holds very strongly, that they should be eliminated from warfare, and the United States is willing to help. The very difficult question of cruisers, which was wrecked at the previous conferences, remained.

Disagreement on the cruisers problem was now reduced to the narrowest margin of three eight-inch cruisers, but both President Hoover and the British Government were determined that there can be no break on that account.

Agreement in that connection does not depend finally upon the British-American negotiations, but upon Great Britain's ability to fulfil her responsibilities to the rest of the world. Agreement is only possible with the over-riding determination both of the United States and Great Britain to reach an agreement much larger in spirit than a merely naval agreement. The British Admiralty has been splendidly helpful throughout.

Five Power Conference

The proposed five Power conference may possibly be unable to meet until the middle of January. It is hoped that all will agree to London as the venue. It is suggested that it will be equivalent to a resumption of the Washington conference, which is not due to meet until 1931, as Britain and the United States feel that the time has come to consider the naval problem as a whole. It is impossible that the conference will complete its labours in a month. It has been made very clear to Mr. Hoover that any British and American agreement must be scanned after the five Power conference in order that it may be in consonance with the latter's decisions.

Great Britain feels that if she can get world shipbuilding agreement, it will be one of the

biggest things ever done. It would then be possible to deal at Geneva with land and air armaments, and eventually, whole world armaments. The British Government feels that such agreement would be cheap if Great Britain gave a cruiser for it. It is emphasised that the British tactics throughout the negotiations have been perfectly safe, and British security is absolute.

Tonnage Differences

London, Yesterday.
The following summary of the proposed cruiser strengths indicates the nature of the margin of difference: Great Britain, 15 cruisers, armed with eight-inch guns, and 35 six-inch guns, a total tonnage of 339,000. The United States: 21 eight-inch guns, 15 six-inch guns, a total tonnage of 315,000. Great Britain, however, proposes that America shall only have 18 eight-inch cruisers and a total tonnage not exceeding 300,000.

"Peace Experiment"

All British military preparations are at present being made on the assumption that there will be no war at a certain period not before the hypothetical year "X." In the naval discussions 1936 was taken as the standard year. This was within the year "X." The proposed agreement will be reviewed in 1935, thus providing a "period for peace experiment," and to facilitate more systematic methods of scrapping replacements at the dockyards.

Great Britain has made clear that whatever America may do in the way of expanding her fleet, she will find no response in the British programme, but, if American building resulted in stimulating other countries to build, obviously Great Britain must take indirectly an interest in American building.—Reuter.

Feeling of Security

London, Yesterday.
The fact that the Admiralty has approved of the terms of the proposed agreement for limitation of naval armaments adds a feeling of security to the satisfaction generally felt over the success of the British-American conversations up to the present. While it is recognised that the conversations have achieved much it is not overlooked that there is still a knotty point in regard to the cruiser problem to be solved. Even assuming this is overcome, a warning note is sounded that the British-American agreement is only a preliminary to a larger agreement between the five Naval Powers, and it is pointed out that the difficulties which may arise in the general conference, which, it is now hoped, will meet in London in January, may yet prove obstinately complicated. Great credit is bestowed on Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and President Hoover.—Reuter.

BRITAIN & SOVIET

FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED

CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED

London, Yesterday.
The British and Russian correspondence, now issued, shows that the Russian representative, who will discuss the procedure for further negotiations, is coming to London on September 24.—Reuter.

RECEIVING CHARGE

STORY BEHIND SINCERE'S BURGLARY

TAKING A ROOM AT HOTEL

The story behind the burglary at the premises of the Sincere Co. Ltd., nearly two months ago was related this morning by Mr. H. K. Holmes, C.B.E. (Crown Solicitor) at the Criminal Sessions.

Yuen Ping-chung was charged with receiving stolen goods on July 27, comprising five jade stones for ring-setting, six jade pendants and a jade bar, the property of the Sincere Co., knowing the same to have been stolen.

Case for the Crown

Outlining the Crown case to the jury, Mr. Holmes related the circumstances of the burglary on the night of July 25-26, to which Tung Yee-hing had pleaded guilty and for which he had been sentenced (as related elsewhere in this issue).

About 10 p.m. on July 27, members of the Criminal Investigation Department staff raided No. 40, Gage-street. There they found prisoner and the confessed thief seated in the rear cubicle.

Prisoner intimated to Detective Sergeant Shek Tui that he had something to say. Accordingly, Shek Tui and prisoner went into the cool-house. Prisoner said he had read in the morning paper of the burglary at Sincere's and added that the thief (his companion) had given him a packet of jade.

During the conversation prisoner also said that he refused to accept the packet because he was in doubt as to where it came from.

Because the thief spoke the dialect of another province, prisoner acted as interpreter, and put a question to the thief whose reply was interpreted by prisoner as "I don't know."

Tell Tale Envelope

In the course of their search, the police found an envelope bearing the name of a Chinese hotel, and on which the number of a room was written. The police followed up the address given, room No. 214, Meachow Hotel, where most of the jade stolen and also a number of tools for house-breaking were found.

The Crown case is that prisoner took some part in booking that room, although a representative of the Hotel, who would give evidence, was unable to identify him.

Mr. Holmes also referred to a woman of reputed ill fame (who, in the course of the Police Court proceedings, had been referred to as "the charming lady in the case"), by name of Tam Kau-nui. It was stated that prisoner associated with her and had maintained this woman. She would testify, Mr. Holmes added, that prisoner gave her two jade stones (for ring-setting) and a jade bar (for brooch).

When charged at Central Police Station, prisoner said:

"If I knew that they were stolen I would have come to the police station to make a report. These jade stones were given to me by him."

Before his committal by the Magistrate, prisoner made a long statement in which he referred to his arrival here, that he did not have his fare to return to his native home because he had spent all his money, and that the thief had asked him to introduce him to the woman in the case.

Conviction and Sentence

In his summing-up, his Lordship observed that the case fell within a very small compass. On his own statement, his Lordship added, prisoner admitted receiving the articles from a proved thief. The onus of proving that prisoner knew the jade was stolen lay on the Crown.

First of all, there was the fact of prisoner receiving the jade so soon after the theft; then there was his association before and after the theft with the thief; and there was also the fact that he had helped the thief to take a hotel room on the morning after the theft. Against this, his Lordship remarked, there was prisoner's denial, the fact that he had put no obstacle in the way of the Police, and had even interpreted them to the hotel.

The jury, without retiring, returned a unanimous verdict of "guilty."

His Lordship said "There is in my mind, no doubt. The jury's verdict represents the facts. You assisted Tung Yee-hing after the theft was committed and shared in the proceeds."

Prisoner did not give evidence, but made a statement from the dock in which he declared inter alia, that if he had knowingly received stolen goods, he would be satisfied if he were hanged.

Sentence of two years hard labour was passed.

Police Commissioner Ball of the Wiesbaden police is to be tried for playing "Deutschland über Alles" at a concert attended by members of the British Army of Occupation.

MOONCAKE FESTIVAL OBSERVED

MID-AUTUMN FETE

A NAUGHTY WIFE

Among the numerous festivals which are still closely observed by the Chinese community of Hong Kong, the Mid-Autumn Fete (to-day) is reckoned as one of the most important.

According to Chinese astronomers of former days, the moon will to-night shine brighter than ever in the year. All Chinese families will, in the middle of the night, set their tables nicely with fruit and moon-cake, to pay homage to Luna.

In connection with this festival there arose, over 1,800 years ago, a pretty legend of an Emperor who reigned from 213 to 155 A.D. He was Emperor Ming, of the Tang Dynasty, and was deeply absorbed by the doctrine of Buddha.

Dream of Immortality
Not satisfied with his earthly supremacy, this Emperor, it was said, dreamed of being an immortal. He conceived the idea that his body should ascend to heaven like the fairies did, there to live happily for ever.

His dream was partially materialised, for, on the fifteenth day of the eighth moon, he was taken by a monk to pay a visit to the moon.

Ascending on a chariot of clouds, they arrived at the moon where they visited a mansion known as the "Cool Elder Palace." Here they saw, to the bewilderment of the Emperor, a number of fairies, dressed in white, dancing under the trees. So pleased with the scene, the Emperor, on returning to his own palace, composed some fine pieces similar to those he had heard in fairy-land.

A Skilled Archer

In connection with the moon there arose a romantic story, well-known among the Chinese. Once there was a king named Han Ngai, who was a skilled archer. One day his pretty wife stole a potion which had been prepared for the king. This medicine, it was said, was presented by fairies and whoever had taken it could ascend to heaven like the fairies.

On discovering his loss, Han Ngai was in a rage and taking a bow and arrow with him, chased his wife out into the garden. In her fright, the woman jumped into the air and entered moon. She then became a fairy known as "Sheng Ngai." In celebration of this festival every Chinese family enjoys a sumptuous feast. Students have a holiday. Presents, in the form of fruit and moon-cake, are to be given to friends. Much business is done by tea-houses, cake-makers and fruit stalls.

To the children, paper toys known as "horse race lamps" are presented. These toys are made of paper, with an oil lamp fitted inside. Atop this lamp, a paper bamboo ring is also fitted. These rings, when heated by oil lamps, will gradually turn round and a shadow of different dolls can be seen to revolve.

Business Side of It

For those who are not conversant with the Chinese language, it is interesting to quote a number of phrases used with a literary meaning concerning the moon. To do a futile thing is "to salvage the moon from the bottom of the sea." To go out day and night for business is "to dress in a coat of stars and wear a hat of moon." A person with seven sons and a daughter is said to have "seven stars surrounding a moon."

There has been at least one "incident" in connection with the lavish decorations along Queen's-road this year, in the moon-cake campaign conducted so vigorously by the vendors of the delicacy. A caricature must be the root of the trouble, and the fact that local agitators took to their heels, on an evening to bombarding tables, portraying the ignominy of the Communists. Trouble followed but the Police broke it up.

Moon-cake Day (15th day of the 8th moon) is still one of the four principal "settlement" days of the old Chinese calendar. Business has been "fair to middling" and no great surprise is anticipated. In fact, the commercial section of the Chinese community is already making preparation for tonight's feast, to be ushered in with fireworks at intervals throughout the day.

SERIOUS CHARGE

Inspector Shaftain this morning brought a Chinese before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistrate, on a serious charge against a 12-year-old Chinese girl. His Worship gave a week's formal remand.

DR. C. T. WANG

Canton, Yesterday.
A Shanghai radio states that Dr. C. T. Wang received on September 14 the British and Japanese Consular Attaches and the Japanese Consul General at the Shanghai office.

The report about the resignation of Dr. Wang has been denied—Canton News Agency.

RAPE AND ASSAULT

CHARGES AGAINST FILIPINO BARBER

CASE FOR CROWN OPENED

Luis Oliva, a Filipino barber, faced an indictment of three counts this morning before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) at the Criminal Sessions. The charges related to events in No. 5, King's-terrace, Kowloon, on July 20 and comprised (a) rape, in that he had carnal knowledge of Natividad Frailadora, a Filipino woman, without her consent; (b) indecent assault against the same complainant; (c) common assault against her husband.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, C.B.E. (Crown Solicitor) conducted the prosecution. Detective Sergeant Fitches had charge of the case. Prisoner was not legally represented.

The woman was 18 years of age and has been referred to in the case as "Natty," said Mr. Holmes. She was a maid servant and her husband is a cook. They both came from Manila. Their employer was Mrs. Cordeiro, who came to Hong Kong together with "Natty" in April this year. The husband came later, on July 8.

Shook Hands

In his absence, Mr. Holmes continued, prisoner entered into some sort of relationship with "Natty." "According to her story, she yielded to his advances—I might almost say persecution."

After referring to certain incidents, Mr. Holmes mentioned that on the day of the husband's arrival, he had seen the husband and the prisoner in a room together.

MURDER OF PRIESTS

Three Lay Christians Also Slain

Following on the report from Shanghai yesterday of the murder of Bishop Trudo Jans and Fathers Bruno and Rupertus at Liaotang, Hupeh Province, a British Naval Wireless message states that the outrage took place at Patung, above Ichang, on September 9.

In addition to the Bishop and two priests, three Chinese Christians were also killed by the bandits.

Note of Protest

Shanghai, To-day.
The Belgian Minister has transmitted through his personal representatives in Shanghai and Nanking a formal Note of protest to the National Government on the recent murders of Bishop Trudo Jans and Fathers Bruno and Rupertus in Hupeh, requesting prompt investigation, and the arrest of the culprits, as well as exemplary punishment.—Reuter.

[Early cable will be found on page 7.]

"NATTY" CONFESSED

Prisoner asked to be forgiven. Prisoner also went to see the husband to ask to be forgiven also and he shook hands with the husband.

Coming to the events of July 20, Mr. Holmes said that the evidence would show that prisoner knocked at the door of No. 5, King's-terrace, that he had a knife which he produced, and that he pushed the husband outside and locked the door.

Then prisoner seized "Natty." Mr. Holmes continued, and the incidents complained of occurred.

"I must mention, gentlemen of the jury, certain circumstances to indicate the kind of case you have to inquire into."

Medical Evidence

Reference was made also to the subsequent visit to Yau-matui Police Station to interview Sgt. Fitches. "Natty" was then in a high state of confusion and, because she could not make a report, her mistress, Mrs. Cordeiro, who had acted very kindly, said Mr. Holmes, made the report for her.

Medical examination was suggested and "Natty" consented. Evidence in this respect would be given by Dr. D. J. Valentine.

The key of the case, Mr. Holmes observed, lay in whether the woman consented or not.

Owing to it having been suggested that the interpretation on a previous instance might have been faulty, prisoner's statements were not read, this being at the direction of his Lordship.

Evidence is being taken this afternoon.

INDIAN CONSTABLE

MURDER TRIAL

SOME ALLEGATIONS

GIRL WITNESS TELLS PITIFUL STORY

"JUMPY TROUSERS"

Well dressed European and Chinese ladies and a large number of men thronged the big Court room this morning when the case against Lam Ling was resumed before the Chief Justice Sir Henry Gollan. The prisoner at the bar is charged with the murder of an Indian constable named Sapuran Singh on the night of July 10, at the hillside between the junction of Jordan and Canton-roads, Yau-matui.

The case is an unusually interesting one, in that not only murder was committed, but if the evidence of the only girl witness is to be believed, the prisoner was said to have forced her to have a clandestine meeting with the murdered constable just for the sake of \$2.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting on behalf of the Crown, and the defence is being conducted by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Deacons.

Hakka Customs

The girl, Chan Kui, who became hysterical yesterday, was called back to the witness box this morning. His Lordship told her, through the interpreter, that she had nothing to fear, and all that she had to do was to give a direct answer to any questions which might be asked. Thus reassured, the girl composed herself, dabbing her eyes with a handkerchief and boldly faced Mr. Alabaster.

Mr. Alabaster: You are a Hakka woman?—Yes.

Is it not the custom for Hakka girls to be sold quite young and then to be married to the man who had bought her?—There is such a custom, but I was never sold to the prisoner, nor was I married to him.

Witness admitted that she was in a village called Wong Hau, but added that she was forcibly taken there by the prisoner. To another question, she admitted that her mother and aunt were also in the same village.

Forcibly Taken Away

Mr. Alabaster: Did not your mother sell you to prisoner so that you can be his wife when you grow up?—This is not true. I was forcibly taken away by the prisoner.

Although, according to yourself, you were kidnapped, yet you went on living with him in the same village?—I did not do so willingly. He threatened to kill me.

But your mother and your aunt were in the same village, and yet how can you say that?—You must know that he is a robber himself. He was so fierce that my mother and my aunt feared him and he threatened to kill them all.

But your mother allowed you to live with him?—She knew but after a month she asked me to return home, and it was then the prisoner threatened to kill her.

You remember that night when you and prisoner journeyed to Tai-po?—Yes. You did not ask him to shoot the two men who were following you in order that you both could escape?—No.

Only After His \$2

Asked to describe the fight between the prisoner and the murdered constable, witness said that all she saw was that the prisoner had seized hold of a bamboo pole and struck at the Indian.

What did the Indian do?—The Indian kept on asking for the return of his \$2.

Yes, but when he was hit with the bamboo pole what did he do?—The Indian snatched the pole and struck prisoner back.

How long did the fight last?—I do not know how long it lasted, but I can remember prisoner asking me to help him. I refused and then prisoner told me to go away. I did because I was afraid.

Did you take the revolver and the baton with you?—No.

Did you throw the baton into the bush near the shelter?—No.

Did you keep the revolver, and then hand it to prisoner in Ho-mun-tai?—No.

An Allegation

Before the fight began did the Indian send prisoner away to buy something?—No.

I put it to you that when prisoner returned he found you with the Indian, and the latter was

GUN RUNNING

MAXIMUM PENALTY ON A CHINESE

REVOLVER AND AMMUNITION

Two years' hard labour was the sentence passed by Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham and Major C. Wilson, sitting together in the second Court at the Central Magistracy, this morning, on a Chinese or the unlawful possession of a long .38 Smith and Wesson revolver and 16 rounds of ammunition.

According to Police Inspector J. Murphy, all but three of the bullets fit the revolver.

Evidence for the prosecution was that a Chinese Revenue Officer stopped a coolie on the Po Tak wharf and asked to examine two bundles of grass which he was carrying. The accused who was there also, assured the R.O. that there was nothing in the grass, and to avoid the trouble of opening the bundles and doing them up again, he offered the R.O. a few Canton silver coins to let them through.

Refused to Comply

The R.O. refused to comply and took accused, the coolie, and the grass, to C.P.O. Clarke's office, where the latter cut open the bundles of grass and in one of them found a packet which he gave to the R.O. to take to Central Police Station intact, together with accused and the coolie. When the packet was opened at the Station, in the accused's presence, the revolver and ammunition were brought to light.

Accused said that he was a travelling trader and was asked by a fellow passenger of the "Paul Beau" to convey the grass ashore for him. He (accused) admitted that it was he who engaged the coolie to take the bundles from the ship.

C.P.O. Clarke explained the reason for sending the packet containing the contraband intact to the Police. He said that his Department was chiefly concerned with opium, tobacco, and wine, and that as soon as he felt the contents of the packet to be a revolver he decided to turn the case over to the Police.

An Easy Matter

Inspector Murphy submitted that if the accused's story was true, it would have been very easy for him to point out the fellow passenger to the R.O.

After the Magistrate had convicted, C.P.O. Clarke said that his Department took a serious view of the smuggling of single revolvers and a few rounds of ammunition, as it was obvious that the contraband was being brought here for some unlawful purpose.

Their Worships then passed sentence, accused being given the full maximum penalty.

partly undressed?—This is not true. Prisoner never went out to buy anything that night. It was the prisoner himself who asked the Indian to take off his lower garments.

Did you then take your brother to your shelter?—Yes.

If your brother denies that he was there, then he would be telling an untruth?—My brother does not tell a lie. The prisoner tells all the lies.

What did your brother do when he arrived at your shelter?—He called prisoner a robber and said to him that he should be contented with kidnapping me and not to bargain me to the Indian. He told prisoner to get away.

Was the Indian fully dressed then?—He was.

You never saw the Indian again after that?—No.

Why a State of Dishabille?

Then, why should the Indian be found without his lower garments on?—Before I left with my brother, I went into a latrine, and the prisoner called me back. He took me inside the shelter and again forced me to go with the Indian. I again refused.

What was your brother doing all that time?—He was waiting for me about two feet away from the shelter.

Was the prisoner in a rage?—Yes.

I put it to you that he was in a rage because when he returned from buying things he found you together with the Indian, and the latter was not properly dressed?—No.

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The Right Hon. H. A. L. Fisher writes to the "Ceylon Observer":—

The Prime Minister has begun well by planning a personal visit to Washington. It is true that President Hoover is not quite in the same position as Mr. MacDonald. Nominally he is more powerful, for he is the official head of the American Republic, but in reality he can take no important step in foreign politics without the support of the Senate, support upon which he cannot certainly rely.

Mr. MacDonald, on the other hand, while nominally a good deal weaker than President Hoover, can at once engage his country in any course which he thinks fit to adopt. If as a result of his colloquy at Washington he comes to the conclusion that the fleet should be reduced by twenty cruisers, it may be taken for granted that it will be so reduced. Small as his Parliamentary majority is, he is in the position of being able to give undertakings and to carry them out.

Right Moment

Nevertheless, in spite of this disparity between the constitutional position of the American President and the British Prime Minister, there are great advantages to be expected from a personal exchange of views. If President Hoover is not all powerful, he is a good deal more powerful now than he will be two years hence, when the glamour of his recent election has partially worn off, and the Senate has been in part renewed. At the present moment he stands at the pinnacle of his moral influence. Mr. MacDonald is wise in making use of the opportunity, for it certainly will not recur.

In making the establishment of personal relations with the President of the United States the first object of his foreign policy Mr. MacDonald has shown a true instinct. From the point of view of the British Empire a settlement of the naval question with the Americans transcends all other objects in importance.

The British public regards the Franco-German question, in which it naturally takes the keenest interest, as having been settled by the Treaties of Locarno, and by the recent report of the Expert Committee on Reparations. It assumes that the foreign armies of occupation will be withdrawn from Germany in the autumn, and that the financial arrangements recommended in the experts' report will be found satisfactory by the powers concerned.

Present Unrest

In all this realm of Foreign policy there is, it would appear, no need for novel action on the part of Great Britain. We cannot say the same regarding our relations with the United States. These must improve or else they will deteriorate. So long as the naval question is unsettled, a vague feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction will obstruct the development of an harmonious political intercourse between the two English-speaking peoples. Mr. MacDonald is aware of this, and proposes to take the shortest and simplest way of establishing mutual intelligence and concord.

It remains to be seen whether he will take a similar step with regard to the next most important problem which confronts Great Britain. Will he send a special emissary to India to treat with the nationalist leaders and endeavour to secure a friendly reception for the new Indian Constitution? The present situation in India is not altogether encouraging. The apostles of Indian Home Rule who boycotted the Simon Commission have decided that unless complete autonomy on the Canadian model is granted to

India by the end of the year, they will refuse co-operation, and enjoin a boycott of English goods.

Personal Factor

It is possible that a little friendly intercourse with an accredited British emissary might bring them to a more reasonable frame of mind, for it is certain that the constitution when it comes to be voted next autumn, will fail to satisfy the advocates of Home Rule.

The value of personal visits, as factors to international co-operation has received a recent illustration in the Report which M. Albert Thomas, the Director of the International Labour Office has submitted to the governing body of that institution on his recent mission to the Far East. M. Thomas visited many countries in these regions—Russia, China, Japan, Indo-China and Java. Everywhere his visit was fruitful of useful results. The new Chinese Labour code has been submitted to the International Labour Office and discussed with them the difficulties in the way of the ratification of conventions prohibiting night work for women and regulating hours of labour.

It would seem that in Indo-China his visit has given a powerful stimulus to the framing of regulations for the protection of the workers.

EMIGRATION

LOWEST LEVEL IN AUSTRALIA

Migration statistics for the half-year to the end of June, 1929, reached the lowest level for the last twenty-three years, the total excess of departures over arrivals being 1,095.

The last year in which a minus quantity was recorded was 1906. The subsequent years showed steady progress, until the record was reached in 1912, with 91,892 more arrivals than departures. The post-war years after the soldiers finally returned in 1920 showed gradual increases, until 1927, when the figures were 38,924 more arrivals than departures. The slump began in 1928 when the figures were reduced to 27,222.

Although the figures of assisted migrants are available, it is impossible to give any trustworthy information of the actual total number of migrants of British birth migrating to Australia from Great Britain. The Development and Migration Commission has complete control of migration in the Commonwealth, but the Commission recently confessed that it was unable to supply these figures owing to the complexity of the Commonwealth's migration statistics, which have presented a perplexing problem to everyone who has studied them.

"BLACK FAST"

JEWISH COMMEMORATION OF TEMPLE'S FATE

"Black Fast" (Tishe be Ab) is strictly observed by all orthodox Jews. During this period no food or drink of any kind is taken by orthodox Jews, who spend most of the time in the synagogues.

The fast is in commemoration of the destruction of the first and second Temples, each of which suffered its fate on the same date, the 9th of Ab. By a strange coincidence other troubles have overtaken the Jews on the same date in different periods.

Although the Jewish Day of Atonement, which falls this year on October 24, is frequently referred to as the "Black Fast," this is quite incorrect. "White Fast" would be a more appropriate term, since in the synagogues on that day ministers and readers and many male worshippers wear white caps and gowns—symbolic of shrouds—whilst the covers on the reader's desk and pulpit, the curtain in front of the Ark, and the mantles covering the scrolls of the Law are all white.

SWISS LANDSLIDES

CHALETs AND BRIDGES DESTROYED

Recent heavy rains in Switzerland have caused serious landslides in the Zinal Valley. The village of Zinal is cut off by masses of mud and stones, and chalets have been carried away and bridges destroyed.

The hotels situated on the high slopes, where numerous English tourists are spending their holidays, are, however, undamaged. Troops have been called upon to clear the road to the isolated village and restore communication with the inhabitants.

CANTON EXPRESS

NEW VENTURE OF CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY

AN EXTRA TRAIN

Canton, Yesterday.
It is learned that the management of the Canton-Kowloon Railway is contemplating another express train on the run between Canton and Kowloon, for the convenience of the public.

At present, there are two express trains, leaving Canton at 8.10 a.m. and at 3.25 p.m. It is believed that the extra train will leave between 5 and 6 p.m.—Canton News Agency.

Nothing Definite

On Friday the "China Mail" exclusively reported:—

In an interview with the Traffic Manager of the K.C.R., our representative was informed that the running of the express trains had always been made in co-operation with the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese Administration). When the bandits were infesting certain areas along the Chinese section, a request was then made to the K.C.R. (British section) to despatch the express train from Hong Kong earlier in the afternoon so that it could pass the "dangerous zone" before dark.

Accordingly the express train's departure was changed to 3.20 p.m. Recently a communication was received from the Chinese section saying that bandits along the line had been "wiped out" and that there was no occasion to fear an attack. In view of this reassuring news, the K.C.R. are now considering the advisability of despatching the express at 6.30 p.m. instead of 3.20 p.m. Nothing definite has been arrived at yet.

ANGLICAN CHURCH

PRIEST FOR ST. PETER'S CHURCH

The Rev. Norman L. Watkins joins the staff of the St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong on Thursday.

A reception will be extended to him at the St. Peter's Young Men's Club on Thursday at 9 p.m.

Mr. Watkins will be licensed by the Rev. C. R. Dupper, D.D. (Bishop of Victoria) in the Cathedral on Sunday evening to be Priest-in-charge of St. Peter's Church, Kennedy Town.

UP IN THE CLOUDS

The erection of a huge 65-storey skyscraper at a cost of \$10,000,000 by the French Government will be started in the United States. When completed the structure will serve as a French cultural, industrial, and political centre.

The Palais de France, as the new building will be named, will occupy an entire city square at 62nd and 63rd Streets, facing Central Park. It will house the French Consulate and other official agencies of the French Republic, exhibitions, schools, apartments, and offices.

Three floors will be given over to an industrial exhibition, in the rooms of which all French manufactures will be represented. Three other floors will be devoted to a permanent motor-car exhibition. Two floors will have a permanent exhibition of aeroplanes, and additional floors will be devoted to a display of boats, yachts, &c.

The teaching of the French language, history, literature, and contemporary art will be undertaken in an Academie des Beaux Arts. There will be a Conservatory of Music and Dramatic Art, where the principal works of French composers and authors will be presented and taught.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS

September 17, 1929.

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Messrs. E. C. Moore, W. M. Meertens.
Mr. Guy H. Owen.
Miss Pereira.
Mr. D. P. B. de Rauterfeld.
Mr. H. Seger.
Mr. M. Takezaki.
Mr. S. S. Wong.

A SERANG'S CRIME

Abdullah Meah, Serang, of the tug "Ngatsem," which foundered in the Gulf of Martaban while on its way to Rangoon, on December 18 last, was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment for failing to save the lives of the two European officers—Captain Pennington, and the engineer, Mr. Phillips.

All the Asiatic crew were saved when the tug sank, and fourteen of their number were subsequently charged with murdering the officers—who must either have been drowned or eaten by sharks. The crew were ordered to enter the only lifeboat, but as this could not hold all on board the two officers courageously donned lifebelts and jumped into the sea.

SEIZED PAINTINGS

Protest Against Censorship In Britain

BOW STREET PROSECUTION

London, August 10.

Fifteen pictures seized by the Police last month at a West End exhibition on paintings by the novelist, D. H. Lawrence formed the subject of a summons at Bow Street to-day against Mrs. Philip Trotter to show cause why four books containing reproductions of them should not be destroyed as obscene. Mr. Lawrence, at present in Germany.

Counsel for the defendant pointed out that some of the pictures, which were the work of a serious artist, had already been bought by respectable people. He said that the defendants were very respectable people and gave exhibitions chiefly of the work of young artists. Therefore the case was very serious for them and also for British art.

New Censorship

Counsel contended that the authorities were seeking to establish a new form of censorship unknown elsewhere in the world. He asked whether the Police would next invade the Wallace and other collections in their look out for indecent pictures. He said that he proposed to call distinguished artists and professors for the defence.

Counsel for the prosecution contended that such evidence was irrelevant.

TWO MUTINIES

CREW BARRICADED IN HOLD

The reporting of two mutinies in one day is unprecedented in the memory of existing underwriters. For this reason, two reported recently, have an additional interest.

One was in the French steamer "Guethay," at Ferrol, and the other in the Finnish steamer "Smot," at Kiel. The latter proceeded recently, though the master was hurt, but the last news of the "Guethay" was that the mutineers had barricaded themselves in the hold.

No damage is reported in either case, but if any has been done it appears to be covered under "piracy," there being a legal precedent to that effect, although it is more than a century old. The Marine Insurance Act, 1906, in the "Rules for Construction of Policy," states that the term "pirates" includes passengers who mutiny, and there may be a case for calling the mutiny of the crew "harmful," which, according to the Act, "includes every wrongful act wilfully committed by the master or crew to the prejudice of the owner or, as the case may be, the charterer."

"BLUE BOY"

AMERICAN PAYS \$55,000 FOR FAMOUS PAINTING

It is announced that Romney's "Blue Boy" has been purchased by an American collector in Long Island for \$55,000, says a Reuter message from New York. The painting formerly belonged to Mr. W. S. M. Burns, of London, a nephew of the late Mr. J. P. Morgan.

As was announced on July 13, the picture was recently bought by the Ehrich Galleries of New York. It is believed that it had never before been reproduced anywhere.

The Romney painting was inherited by Mr. Walter S. M. Burns from his mother. It has singularly little history, though it is one of the finest examples of Romney's work. It is said never to have been exhibited in public. The sum paid for it by the Ehrich Galleries was not divulged.

STANDARD TIME.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN COLONY

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for Sept. (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follow:—

September	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
17	6.11	6.25
18	6.11	6.24
19	6.11	6.24
20	6.11	6.23
21	6.11	6.22
22	6.12	6.20
23	6.12	6.19
24	6.12	6.18
25	6.12	6.17
26	6.12	6.16
27	6.12	6.15
28	6.12	6.14
29	6.12	6.13
30	6.12	6.13

Three Communists were given two months' imprisonment each in Brussels for having taken part in an anti-war demonstration on July 22 outside the Chinese Legation during the Russo-Chinese crisis.

The Magistrate agreed with the contention.

Finally on an undertaking by the defendants not to exhibit the paintings or their reproductions the Magistrate adjourned the summons "sine die." He however, ordered the four books of reproductions to be destroyed.—(Reuter).

Intimate Nudes

Another sensation in the art world has been provided (wrote a correspondent of the "Daily Express" in commenting on the opening of the exhibition of paintings by Mr. Lawrence).

Twenty-five paintings, signed Lorenzo, in oils and water colours are on view, and in nearly all of them the human frame is shown in its most intimate details.

The ugly composition, colouring, and drawing of these works make them repellent enough, but the subjects of some of them will compel most spectators to recoil with horror.

"Spring," a study of six nude boys, is revolting. "Fight with an Amazon," representing a hideous bearded man holding a fair-haired woman in his lascivious grip, while wolves with dripping jaws look on expectantly, is frankly indecent. "Boccaccio Story," another of these works of art, its better not described.

Mr. Lawrence holds revolutionary views on art. "Hogarth, Reynolds, Gainsborough," he writes, in an introduction to his pictures; "they all are already bourgeois. The coat is really more important than the man."

"Crying for Escape" "The northern races," he adds later, "are so innately afraid of their own bodily existence, which they believe fantastically to be an evil thing . . . that all they cry for is an escape. And especially, art must provide that escape."

According to Mr. Lawrence, English artists excel in landscapes—"which do not call up the more powerful responses of the human imagination, the sensual, passionate responses"—because they form that escape.

The glorification of the spirit, the mental consciousness which distinguishes us from beasts mean nothing to Mr. Lawrence. Indeed, he describes the history of our era as the nauseating and repulsive history of the crucifixion of the procreative body. And the gross and the earthly are the main features of his pictorial art.

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TRAMPS ON TRAMPS

(By a Shipowner)
There was a time, not so very long ago, when I used to judge the characters of the officers employed on the ships of which I was the principal shareholder by their personal appearances. For I always believed that the officer who had sufficient self-respect in keeping himself clean and smart was a person entitled to respect in return.

Our ships were purely cargo boats and, until I decided quite casually at the last moment to make a voyage out to the Plate in one, I failed to get an unbiased view of affairs. I told my co-directors of my intentions and charged them not to make them known to anyone inside or outside the office. I so arranged matters that I boarded at Barry, just as the ship cleared the dock. I might mention that I had previously telegraphed the master to await final instructions in the roads. This entirely prevented the master or the steward from making any extra provision for my presence on board.

The dirt and filth which awaited me were indescribable. Coal was piled up in the hatchway, and half-drunken men were making every attempt to get the hatches covered so that the hatches could be covered. It was appalling!

A dirty-looking man with equally dirty whiskers peered over the side of the bridge as the tug went alongside; it was difficult for me to recognise the fellow as the master I had met the previous year. He was wearing some kind of a pilot's hat with a broken cloth peak, a dirty neckerchief in lieu of a collar, and a coat which had seen better days as uniform but was now turned green. A tramp he was; truly I had seen such characters much cleaner and better dressed. This is the largest and latest ship we own, I thought, and this is the commander!

Then I reasoned that there must be some excuse for this attire; the course the vessel had just completed coaling. Afterwards I found that she had finished the previous evening. The master recognised me before I reached the bridge. "I'm coming with you and you can get along as soon as possible," he said to him. The old fellow did not seem enthusiastic at the prospect. "I wish I'd known you were coming sir," he gasped.

"I did not know myself," I lied, "until this morning."
There was a messroom and a saloon at, but they were almost as dirty as the deck itself. No one appeared to have taken the precaution to prevent coal dust getting below, the ship herself was bad enough, but surely, I thought, there could have been no excuse for letting coal and all sorts of other filth being found in the quarters of the ship where the master and officers lived. I almost regretted the step I had taken as to see it through.

I insisted upon the ship being made clean without delay. While decks were being cleared of coal two men were scrubbing out and washing the sides, walls and ceilings of the accommodation space. They had not finished before the first meal was served.

A Poor Repast
The latter was so uninviting that I ordered biscuits and cheese; it was a poor repast. The ship was not long at sea before I found the quality of the stores extremely poor; apparently someone had been making money out of the sale of the stores on dining at the same table as the master and officers; there was a long run ahead of us down to the River Plate and I begged them not to make or feel any difference at my presence.

The first few days the officers never spoke at table. They had evidently attempted to keep themselves cleaner than usual, but it was a poor attempt as their hands appeared so ingrained with filth that it seemed unlikely they could ever get them clean.

I asked the master why his officers appeared so dumb and abject. "Do you never converse with them?" I asked. He seemed a little puzzled for a reply, then he told me it was not customary in such ships to hold light conversation. He was not given to frivolities for if he did they might take advantage of such conduct and regard it as a sign of weakness.

The master's ideas were certainly strange; it was not long before I observed that he treated his mates as inferiors. He appeared to look down upon them as butlers rather than social equals. I apologise for that—the younger of the two officers was far more enlightened and versatile than either the first mate or the master.

Perhaps I was misled? I don't know, but somehow or other I could not help thinking that either of the two senior men in the ship would have been better employed as butlers, both had a passion for paint, varnish, and other such stuff; they seemed contented to be at work alongside the men most of the time. I think the first mate must have been born in a paintshop. He was actually painting on moving when I went on deck as it was getting daylight. The bridge seemed to be one of the places abhorrent to him. When I kindly suggested that I might sleep sounder if he was at his post of duty on the bridge, he wiped his hands on a piece of oily filthy waste and turned his back on me without saying a word.

I was not at all sorry when we arrived at Buenos Aires. It was a relief that I should never care to undertake under such conditions again, and I mentally determined that a change should be made. The young second mate was the only officer who laid any claim to decency, but I could see that his efforts were unappreciated. There was no system, no discipline; the mate seemed to

do the work of three men while the men took it easy and appeared to approve of his efforts. Why should they not when they had an officer doing their work instead of making them do it?

A Bohemian Captain
As for the master, I felt really ashamed to bring anyone near the ship during my stay at the big Argentine port. The only time I saw the master looking "decently" dressed was when he came to my hotel. In port the mate paraded the deck and quay in such clothes that a marine store dealer would have refused his old rags. No wonder they dubbed the ship a tramp. It seemed to me that some of the other officers on the British cargo ships in port were just as careless of their personal appearances. German and Italian ship's officers obtained far more respect. They were invariably clean shaven and dressed in good cloth uniforms, yet I was informed by our agents that their earnings were 40 per cent. lower than those paid to our mates.

On my return home—I came back as a passenger on a Royal Mail steamer—I decided to make a change. I engaged a smart young shipmaster, an R.N.R. lieutenant, and asked him to choose his first and third officers. I decided to retain the services of the second, and that an extra officer was necessary. I do not wish to infer that I treated the former master and mate unfairly. On the contrary, they were both given a bonus which would more than enable them to carry on until they found another ship.

The change was commendable. The "new broom" kept his officers smart and bright. He insisted upon uniform at all times. He would not allow them to do the work of the sailors. As a result, we were considered above the average tramp owners and I am certain that this has led to the old company being taken over lock, stock and barrel by a combine, which have introduced a passenger service on our former routes. The young second mate I mentioned is now in charge of a big ship, while the R.N.R. shipmaster is superintendent of the line. Since we insisted upon the abolition of the tramp idea the firm has never looked back.

Before I finish, I should like to mention that I think the introduction of a standard uniform for masters and officers, a measure worthy of greater respect than some appear to regard it. I travel a great deal in my yacht and I regret to observe young officers wearing coloured ties, brown boots and lawn moccasins when landing at some of the ports. Masters of ships should see that when uniform is worn by an officer it should not be open to ridicule. I have instructed the master of my yacht, who has a deep-water certificate, to observe this rule.

Lowering Their Status
One frequently observes young men at Cardiff and Shields wearing a Standard Uniform cap over a soldier's patrol jacket, adorned with a silver or a metal watch chain, while project from a flap pocket. If these officers could only be brought to realise that they are lowering their status as officers by wearing such unseemly "rigs" they would speedily change their outlook.

If Standard Uniform is considered to be a mark of inferiority, it should be worn with respect and not as a costume which savours of comic opera. When I was consulted by an official of the Board of Trade regarding its introduction for the Merchant Service I gave the measure my wholehearted support. Now I regret to observe that the uniform is not so much appreciated by some officers as it is by others, and I fear the shipmasters by not exercising their authority in such matters must be held to blame. If we were master of a ship and an officer came on duty carelessly dressed, unwashed and unshaven, I should want an explanation.

It is not possible for an officer to gain the respect to which he is entitled by superiors or inferiors in rank unless he is the person to set the example.
It cannot be very satisfactory to the feelings of an officer to see a steward smartly dressed in uniform, whilst he (the officer) is wearing nondescript clothing. One often finds that the wireless operator, the steward, and the purser are the only correctly-dressed persons on the decks of many cargo steamers.

One excuse which I am told officers offer is that their vessels are undermanned. My reply to that is, British ships are no less undermanned than Swedish or German vessels from whom they might well take example.—The Nautical Magazine.

DAIREN BAY

KEN-SHO (DANGEROUS REEF)
BEACON LIGHT

The Japanese Harbour authorities at Dairen, in a notification dated September 3 issued the following information:
"Owing to repairs being effected, the beacon light on Ken-sho (Dangerous Reef), eastward of Kita San-san-to (North San-shan-tao), will not be exhibited for about one month commencing from August 30.
Approximate position of the beacon—
Latitude... 38° 58' N.
Longitude... 121° 59' E."

CONSIGNEES NOTICES

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DISARMAMENT

PUBLIC CONSCIENCE SHOCKED AT THOUGHT OF WAR

THE PRICE OF PEACE

Desirable progress towards disarmament can only be accomplished by sacrifice, writes "Scrutator" in the "Journal of Commerce." The great war was won by great sacrifice, and the great peace will only be won in the same way. Undoubtedly, so far as this country is concerned, the chief sacrifice will be borne by the shipbuilding industry, which has already suffered severely from the limitation placed upon the building of warships by the agreement at the Washington Conference of 1921. At that time we had a big programme of building in front of us, and the United States had resumed its programme of 16 super-dreadnoughts first put forward in 1916. Japan, France, and Italy were also moving in the same direction. It was obvious that a competition in warship building had begun, and it was understood clearly that such a competition in armaments sooner or later ended in war. The public conscience was shocked at the mere thought of another conflict even in the distant future. Hence the convening of the Washington Conference.

Britain's Sacrifices
It is little understood how much Great Britain sacrificed at the Conference. We accepted the principle of parity with the United States, thereby abolishing our naval policy of building up a two-power standard. It meant the scrapping of a large number of battleships and battle cruisers, and the United States did the same. Further, the building of cruisers was limited in number and size. The effect was put in three ways by Sir Alexander Kennedy when he said that pre-war our output of warships was equal to about 20 per cent. of the total merchant tonnage built, now it was only about 5 per cent. This has been a very serious matter for the shipbuilding industry and expensively equipped for this work, and for the skilled workmen trained in all the intricacies of warship construction. It has necessarily accentuated the depression in the industry due to a surplus of merchant tonnage, to the restriction of world trade, and to foreign competition.

A Persistent Courage
A further curtailment of warship building announced by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons, will make the position still worse. At present 25 per cent. of the men are unemployed, and only 35 per cent. of the berths are occupied. Profits are conspicuous by their absence, and since May the price of steel has gone up by 5s a ton. Add to this keen foreign competition and you have a picture that might well daunt anyone who has money to invest.
The shipbuilding industry has shown a persistent courage since the war in keeping its equipment and skill alive under difficult circumstances; both employers and employed have accepted sacrifices to do so in the national interest. They have been patiently waiting for better days, and it seems that if waiting is to be prolonged still further. More courage will be required—courage to get rid of surplus berths and to reorganise methods of work.

All right-minded people rejoice that the cause of peace is being advanced, but we must recognise the price we have to pay and take steps to modify the suffering entailed.

Notwithstanding the variety of opinions expressed by writers, we must give credit to the good training of boys in the various training ships. Mr. F. H. Clayton, chairman and treasurer of the Shaftesbury Homes and "Aethusa" training ship, remarked a few weeks ago that the "Aethusa" had turned out 3,353 boys for the Royal Navy and 6,846 for the Merchant Navy since the society had been in existence. The total number of children from all parts of the Kingdom who had been received was 28,080; many had gone to the Army while others had migrated overseas. It is certain that the large number of boys who were sent to the Merchant Service were well trained in seamanship and boat work.

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EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 12
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 2	Oct. 12	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 26
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 7	Nov. 16
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Nov. 13	Nov. 16	Nov. 19	Nov. 21	Nov. 30
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Nov. 27	Nov. 30	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 14
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Dec. 18	Dec. 21	Dec. 24	Dec. 26	Jan. 4
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Jan. 15	Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Jan. 23	Jan. 31
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 12	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 20	Mar. 1
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 22
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Apr. 4
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 9	Apr. 12	Apr. 15	Apr. 17	Apr. 26

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MACEDONIA	11,120	12th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SHIRALA	7,841	19th Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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PRINCE'S APPEAL

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has received from the Cunard Steamship Company a gift of £8,500. This gift has been made in response to the Prince of Wales's appeal last year to shipping companies when he said: "What provision there could be a great shipping line have than its name on one of our lifeboats?" The new lifeboat will be of the latest type, the Watson cabin, 45 feet 6 inches long, with twin screws, and two 40 h.p. engines. She will carry a searchlight and line-throwing gun, and have a radius of action of 76 miles. She is to be named "Cunard" and she will replace a motor lifeboat which has been at St. Mary's, Scilly, since 1919, and has rescued 83 lives. St. Mary's has had a lifeboat since 1897. The Cunard Line is the fifth shipping company to respond to the Prince's appeal. The other four are the Peninsular and Orient Group, which have presented the new motor lifeboat for Padstow, called "Princess Mary"; the White Star Line, which is presenting the new motor lifeboat for Fishguard, to be called "White Star"; and the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company and the Union-Castle Mail Steamship Company which are jointly presenting the new motor lifeboat for Weymouth, to be called "Lady Kyrle". The R.N.L.I. finds itself in a position to replace at least three of its old lifeboats on the South-East Coast with more up-to-date craft. The first of these to come into "commission" will be the new motor lifeboat at Southend presented by the Civil Service Lifeboat Fund, and "christened" by Prince George (who is himself now a member of the Civil Service) on July 8 last. A motor lifeboat is also to be established at Hastings, now in course of construction, and will be ready for launching in about eight months. A new lifeboat is also to be provided for Dungeness, but whether it is to be a motor craft is not yet made clear. The subject was mentioned by Earl Howe at a meeting at Hastings recently with reference to the Rye Lifeboat Disaster Fund which has now happily been settled to the satisfaction of all parties. In the course of his speech he stated that the R.N.L.I. is reorganising its entire service in the South-East of England. In connection with these new lifeboats for the South-East Coast, it is interesting to find that in 1927 a National Lifeboat Society on similar voluntary lines as the R.N.L.I. was established in the Isle of Man. Representatives of this new society afterwards visited England and inspected the lifeboats at Margate and Southend, and also the R.N.L.I.'s storeyard at Poplar and building yard at Cowes. The Icelandic Lifeboat Society then followed with its first lifeboat and the R.N.L.I. has supplied them with one—a 3-foot sailing and pulling lifeboat of the self-righting type out of its reserve fleet. By a coincidence this boat has a close connection with the South-East of England; it was built out of funds provided by a gift of a lady lately residing at St. Leonards, near Hastings. The boat has now safely arrived at Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, having been shipped there by steamer from Hull.

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The times and heights are given for Kowloon; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard, and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

September 17 to 25, 1929					
Date	High Water	Low Water	Standard Time	Standard Time	Standard Time
Sept. 17	8.47	2.14	8.47	2.14	8.47
18	8.41	2.20	8.41	2.20	8.41
19	8.40	2.24	8.40	2.24	8.40
20	8.39	2.28	8.39	2.28	8.39
21	8.38	2.32	8.38	2.32	8.38
22	8.37	2.36	8.37	2.36	8.37
23	8.36	2.40	8.36	2.40	8.36
24	8.35	2.44	8.35	2.44	8.35
25	8.34	2.48	8.34	2.48	8.34

OWNERS & SHIPPERS

MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

As indicative of the cordial relations existing between shipowners and shippers we could not do better than record a most interesting function which took place on board the "City of Hong Kong" when she was at the Manchester Docks.

The Directors of Ellerman, Hall and City Lines had extended a cordial invitation to a number of shippers, merchants, and representatives of the Manchester Ship Canal Company, and of the Chamber, to meet together at lunch and exchange views on matters of common interest.

Mr. F. T. L. Princep (Director of the Ellerman Line) was in the chair, and (as recorded in the "Manchester Guardian") in welcoming the guests said: "There were two difficulties which the post-war shipowner had to face. The first was the very great increase in the cost of his plank, for there was a constant demand for faster and more efficient, and therefore more expensive, ships. The second was the increase in the amount of money which had to be extended in ports. He did not refer only to the dock dues, but to the cost of handling, ports which were not prepared to give facilities to enable shipowners to make a direct call were going out of business. Referring to the far-seeing policy of the Manchester Corporation in giving aid to the building of the Ship Canal, and to the courageous, energetic, and far-seeing management of the concern, the Chairman said that what shipowners pleaded for at the present time was consideration. They were passing through very hard times, and they, in common with many great businesses in this city, were putting large sums of money into the business, but they looked to the future with confidence.

A Great Day. Captain W. C. Bacon, Chairman of the Manchester Ship Canal Company, said it was a great day for Manchester to have a ship such as the "City of Hong Kong" in the port, for it showed the goodwill of the owners towards the Ship Canal Company, and of the merchants who had supported the owners, and who would, he hoped, support them even more in the future. The coming of such a ship from Bombay and Karachi fulfilled the idea the Canal Company had had in view in regard to the direct import of raw material such as cotton to Manchester, thereby saving costs and helping the trade of Lancashire and at the same time of giving the opportunity of sending out direct goods she manufactured. The Canal Company was deeply indebted to the Hall Line and the City Line for their continued support of Manchester, which began some 28 or 30 years ago. Every support ought to be given to the regular line, and in their shipping for Calcutta he believed every effort would be made to give a good cargo and a satisfactory freight list.

Sir Edward Rhodes assured the shipowners that they might always depend on the earnest efforts of Manchester merchants to make good use of this wonderful waterway. Manchester people and Manchester merchants had sought to make good use of it, and they would like to see ships sailing from this port full of cargo not only to such ports as Madras and Calcutta, but to the Far East. So far the Manchester Chamber of Commerce was concerned, they would never be satisfied until they saw our own goods leaving our own ports. He did not say this in any offensive spirit with regard to Liverpool, because he considered there was room for both.

Pioneer Lines. Mr. F. H. Southern, speaking as the representative of the Hall Line, the Ellerman Lines, and associated companies, said they claimed to be the first to have a ship line to make use of the Manchester port, sending their first ship about 1895. Since then they had been in close contact with the Directors of the Ship Canal Company, and for some time it had been their policy to have a ship here as often as possible. An organisation like theirs was not hidden in regard to ports. If they saw trade move, and that it could be developed, they were out to prospect it, and, with the support of merchants and shippers, did as much as they could to bring it about. So far as Bombay and Karachi were concerned, things had not been such as they could have expected in the last two years. Vast irrigation schemes in India were coming to a close, and great tracts would soon be open to cultivation, and they hoped that their imports to Manchester would be very greatly increased, and that their happy relations with the Canal Company and with the merchants of Manchester would become closer as time went on.

ON THE "TAFT"

PASSENGERS SAILING FROM HONG KONG

Among the passengers leaving Hong Kong on the Dollar Line "President Taft" to-day, for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan, are the following:—

Mr. C. E. Frith, Chief Inspector of the Sanitary Department, travelling on a pleasure trip to Shanghai.

Mr. Lee Wai-long, well-known Chinese football player, returning to Shanghai.

Mr. Adolph Shaffer, prominent in business circle in Semarang, Java, and Seattle, returning to the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shank, travelling to Japan. Mr. Shank is connected with the Hong Kong Excavation Co.

Mr. H. Gilt, manufacturer's representative on a business trip to the North.

PASSENGERS LIST

DEPARTURES

Per s.s. "Katori Maru" for Japan via Shanghai, September 19: Mr. H. C. A. van Someren, Mrs. R. W. Paul, E. H. Bevan, R. Wakida, E. J. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Brown, Miss M. L. Lorraine, Mrs. Elizabeth Dornan.

SEXTANT TESTS

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REVISION OF REGULATIONS

Having been in communication with the Government Department concerned in the matter, the Imperial Merchant Service Guild has now received a copy of the Report of the Conference on "Condition of Tests for Sextants," which was appointed by the Executive Committee of the National Physical Laboratory. The Report of the Conference was published in the Annual Report of the Laboratory for 1928, which appeared in April last. The Conference was under the chairmanship of Captain S. A. G. Hill, D.S.O., R.N., and was composed of representatives of the Admiralty, Air Ministry, Mercantile Marine Department of the Board of Trade, Mercantile Marine, British Scientific Instruments Research Association, and the British Nautical Instruments Trade Association. The Report states that: "The Conference was appointed to discuss the regulations at present in force at the Laboratory for the testing of sextants, and to advise the Laboratory whether a revision of these regulations is desirable. The Conference was also requested to consider conditions for the certification of sextants for aerial use and of new types of sextants. The various points raised by the Laboratory, and a number of questions raised by the members of the Conference, were considered. The Conference are of the opinion that, while the present normal design of sextant is in general satisfactory, it is capable of improvement in certain respects for the ordinary purposes of navigation. They recommend that the tests which a sextant is required to pass for a 'Class B' certificate should be such that it may be regarded as satisfactory for all normal purposes at sea, and that the 'Class A' test should be such as to provide an instrument possessing higher accuracy than is represented by the above requirements for the use of navigators who desire such an instrument. The recommendations of the Conference, which in some respects involve modifications of the existing regulations, are based upon this principle. The Conference make no recommendations regarding the regulations for 'Unclassified' sextants, although they recognise the need for this grouping." The remainder of the Report in general deals only with the points discussed by the Conference and with their resulting recommendations. With regard to the requirements of the present regulations which are not specifically dealt with, it should be understood that the Conference consider them to be adequate and satisfactory. Extracts from the recommendations are as follows:—

General Construction of the Sextant.—In admitting that the present normal design of the sextant is in general satisfactory, the Conference wish to emphasise that they are strongly of opinion that the provision of a telescope rising piece, or its equivalent, is essential in a "Class A" instrument, while it is generally desirable in a "Class B" instrument. They are of the opinion that the rising piece need not be provided with an adjustment for the collimation of the telescope.

Graduation of Arc and Vernier.—The Conference recommend that for both "Class A" and "Class B" sextants the regulations should contain definite figures for the range of graduation, and that the range of graduation should enable the instrument to be read from 5 degrees below zero to 125 degrees above.

Reading Microscope.—The Conference are of the opinion that a reading microscope is essential in "Class A" instruments of the vernier type, but it is not essential in "Class B" vernier instruments.

Telescopes.—The Conference recommend that the "Class A" sextant should have a minimum of three telescopes.

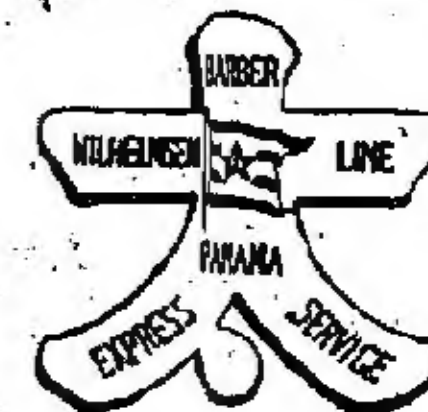
Mirrors.—While the Conference do not wish to make recommendations regarding the sizes of the mirrors, they wish to point out that the mirrors should not be sufficiently small to cut down unduly the light reaching the telescope.

Shades.—The Conference recommend the adoption of a minimum of three shades for the index mirror and two for the horizon mirror.

Standardisation.—The question of the desirability of the standardisation of telescopes, mirrors, screw threads, etc., was considered by the Conference. It was decided that the time is at present inopportune for such standardisation, but it is suggested that the regulation laid down for the Admiralty pattern sextants in these respects represent standards towards which it would be desirable for manufacturers to converge as a preliminary step towards standardisation.

In reference to the above it is interesting to know that the Committee of Revision of the Sextant Certificate at the N.P.L. did not recommend any changes.

The whaling fleets in the Arctic will have the aid of wireless messages from the air, as the Norwegian almanac, Captain Larsen and Captain Holm, who took part in the search for the missing crew of the "Italia" have left for King Haakon Sea and will convey information to the whalers by radio.



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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The whaling fleets in the Arctic will have the aid of wireless messages from the air, as the Norwegian almanac, Captain Larsen and Captain Holm, who took part in the search for the missing crew of the "Italia" have left for King Haakon Sea and will convey information to the whalers by radio.

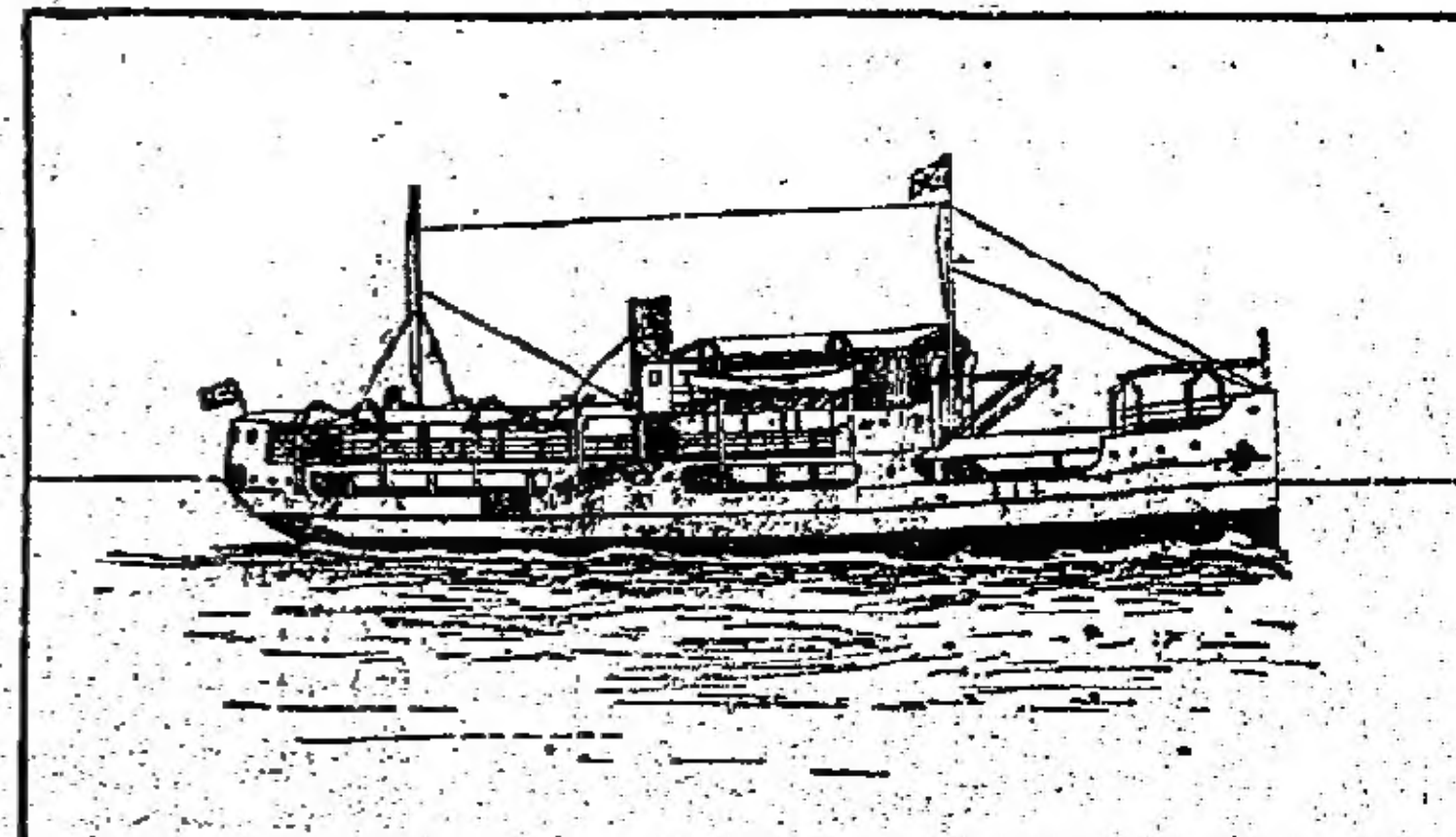
The B.I. s.s. "Tilawa" left Singapore for this port on September 12, p.m., and is due here on September 17 at about 2 p.m.
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NAVAL HISTORY

The official "history" of the British and American naval conversations, contained in a statement to the Press, makes complicated reading. Confused with earnest desires for agreement are strangely inconsistent considerations, rather monetary than moral, and innuendoes that radiate still an element of suspicion. The surface of the negotiations is not so unruffled as not to betray the agitations that are going on below. The idealists on both sides—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, General Daves, and, perhaps even President Hoover—are straining for peaceful issues. At the same time they have their countries and their parties to serve and such representation demands caution and wary, circumspect restraint.

Public opinion in the British Empire is focussed upon Mr. MacDonald, the leader of a party which has the support of only a section of the electorate. A false step in foreign diplomacy, as Mr. Winston Churchill has pointed out rather maliciously, might easily end with scant honours the regime of the Labour Government. The position thus forced upon the Premier is one of extreme delicacy, in which even a middle course may transpire to have been the wrong one.

The noble aim of Great Britain to obtain a world shipbuilding agreement is typical of all those lofty and disinterested gestures which have made her symbolic of honourable action. It will, as the official statement declares, be "one

of the biggest things ever done." There is even justification for the enthusiastic and highly optimistic declaration: "it would then be possible to deal at Geneva with land and air armaments, and, eventually, whole world armaments. The British Government feels that such agreement would be cheap if Great Britain gave a cruiser for it." After this generous and simple open-handedness, comes the grave assurance from the Government that British security is absolute. In other words, Uncle Labour says indulgently to his nephews and nieces, in effect, "do not worry, little ones. We are all going to bury our swords, and no one shall harm you."

This is followed by a rather more prosaic statement of tonnage, and a parental prohibition to Uncle Sam to possess a total tonnage, greater than 300,000. The Utopian atmosphere with which the naval conversationalists of Britain and America have surrounded themselves has not blinded their visions to the practicability of a future war, however. They are extremely careful in mentioning the word, and dance as gingerly around it as the drunken Count danced round Caliban. It is almost a word to be whispered, since so unsure is the fabric of peace they have woven, a truthful, ugly word may rip its gossamer and leave a gap of years. So they speak off-handedly of a "hypothetical war X," which indisputably shows that they have the possibility of conflict in their minds. The very fact that the thought of warfare is something to be mentioned in agitated whispers, clearly proves that the Ministers are secretly not at ease about the matter. Expenditure is, without doubt, a vital consideration in the aim of naval reduction, and fear is another, and just as strong, *raison d'être*. The assertion that Great Britain will not respond if America should expand her fleet, unless such action stimulated other countries to build, is rather akin to saying "of course, we trust you perfectly, but all the same, do you mind sheathing your sword."

Suspicion is still rampant, and the conviction that peace must be, is not as strong as the desire for peace. *Varia non de mortuis yet*. There is no reason that it should be allowed to burst the gossamer chains forged at Geneva, but it could do so were the captors lax.

What is needed is the present negotiations is greater frankness, open-handedness, courage to face

the facts and less secret diplomacy. The Shearer method will never solve disputes. It merely uses the peace conference as an instrument of war.

PAID FOR RENT

Glancing through the Estimates for expenditure for 1930 one is rather struck by the frequency with which amounts are charged against rent payable by the Government in the course of one year. No fewer than twelve Departments have to lay out money for the rent of premises quite distinct from the usual items "rent allowances." The biggest amount is nearly \$25,000 for the rent of Police Stations, whilst \$15,000 appears for the rent of the building used for the Radio Office (in addition to an amount of \$1,500 debited to the P.W.D.). Even so, the total amount in the Estimates under the heading of rents is no less than \$80,019! Thus the Government spends \$6,669 a month on the rent of premises for carrying out Government work. It would be interesting, leaving out the rent of the Radio Office, to ascertain how the sums allocated for rents have increased during the last ten years. It seems about time that the Government set about becoming its own landlord in a greater sense than it has done heretofore rather than go on paying the increasing amount asked by owners of property used for Government work. Apparently it is such an easy thing merely to rent premises, but nevertheless it appears, in the absence of an official explanation, poor economics to go on expending over \$6,600 a month on rent.

The U.S. "President Hayes" will sail from Hong Kong on October 1 instead of October 2 as previously advertised.

The plane ordered by the Far East Aviation Company for their demonstration and general flying work is due to arrive in the Colony on October 17.

A small fire broke out on the roof of the Central Market yesterday, when some workmen were having their mid-day meal there. In response to a call, firemen went to the scene and had no difficulty in subduing the outbreak.

This morning, Tsai Loi (22), 6 Dock Street, was at the Kowloon Magistracy charged with an assault on Ho Kau, a painter's labourer, at 2, Wuhu Street, Hunghom. A remand of three days was granted as the complainant is in hospital.

Rather bad luck attended a hawk at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when he was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith with having Moon Cakes without an appropriate licence in Shanghai street. He was fined four dollars!

The case in which Lo Choi (18), stall feld of Mong Kok Market, is charged with the murder of Chan Mok, a feld of the same market, commenced before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this afternoon and will be continued to-morrow.

The Dominion of Canada has decided to take part officially in the Centenary Celebrations of Belgian Independence. Canada will have a pavilion to itself in the 1930 Centenary Exhibition to be held in Antwerp. Work has already started on the site selected.

A report was made to the Police yesterday by Shadi Lal, an Indian Regimental contractor, of the loss of \$1,000 from his safe kept in a store at Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon. A Chinese clerk is suspected. He is alleged to have disappeared from his lodgings at Temple Street.

A married woman named Chung King (44) was at the Kowloon Police Court before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith this morning charged with keeping her house at 156 Shanghai-street for Po Piu Lotteries, and with the unlawful possession of 376 Po Piu tickets. A remand was granted for 48 hours.

"Naughty Nanette" starring Viola Dana, will be shown at the Majestic Theatre to-day and to-morrow. An added attraction is the screening of Charlie Chaplin in "A Dog's Life" at all the performances. The two famous dancers, Nina and Jacques will take the stage at the 7.15 and 9.15 shows only.

Li Ching was fined \$10, or 14 days' prison at the Kowloon Magistracy for the theft of a brass cooking pot worth \$1.50 from a married Chinese woman living at 67, Balkeley Road, Hunghom. He had sold the pot to another Chinese woman for \$1.80 under the pretence that it was his aunt's.

Chan Shing, charged with the theft of a metal watch from Mr. Ullbright, bar keeper on the N.D.L. "Goblitz," came before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning again, having been three times granted remands. His Worship fixed September 20 at 2.15 p.m., for the hearing, as the vessel will then be in port.

Three country Chinese folk were fined \$5 each at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for carrying two chickens by their wings, and allowing them to swing. The first offender had the option of one week's jail with hard labour. Three others were fined \$5 each for carrying one chicken each suspended by the wings.

Charged with the theft of a chicken from a hut along the Castle Peak-road a Chinese unemployed coolie pleaded guilty at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. His Worship: "I see you have nine previous convictions.—One for assault, another for opium, and the others for stealing and unlawful possession. Six months."

Degrees	
Temperature, 10 a.m., to-day	79
Temperature, 4 p.m., yesterday	84
Humidity, 10 a.m., to-day	83
Humidity, 4 p.m., yesterday	72

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The Forbes-Russell Company provided delightful entertainment last night with their second performance of "Her Cardboard Lover," a comedy adapted from a French original. The defects were largely those of the play itself, for a comedy of this very light type is in the first place more successful in the more delicate medium of the original language. Wit and *sous-entendus* that seem in French subtle and light as air, grow clumsy if not actually dull or vulgar in the heavier language.

The first act certainly dragged; the pace was too slow and the whole seemed to lack life and gaiety. In the second act, largely owing to the admirable playing of Miss Avril Vivian as the volatile and temperamental "Simone," those faults disappeared and throughout this and the last act the merit of the audience testified to the quality of the acting. Mr. John Manuel as "Andre," the Cardboard Lover, was good and so was Mr. Alexander as "Simone's" egotistic and unpleasant husband. Miss Heather Angel was satisfying as "Albine," the maid and confidante, as were Miss Isobel Parfiter and Mr. Bradley in less important parts.

It was a pity that the curtain rose fully ten minutes late heralded by the ringing of innumerable bells but where all was so good it is perhaps unfair to cavil at so small a point. The disappointingly sparse audience was very appreciative and it is to be hoped that their enthusiasm will encourage many to go to the other plays to be performed by this accomplished company.

"RED" THURSDAY

PROMINENT COMMUNISTS ARRESTED IN PARIS

PLOTING AGAINST STATE

Paris, Yesterday.

The prominent Communists have been arrested here. One, M. Monmousseau, is the General Secretary of a Communist organisation, and the other is the well-known Deputy, M. Vaillant Couturier.

They are accused of plotting against the safety of the State, in connection with incidents at a "Red" demonstration on August 1.—Reuter.

LEAGUE CONFLICT

BRITISH AND FRENCH AGAIN DISAGREE

VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION

Geneva, Yesterday.

Notwithstanding the plea of Viscount Cecil to avoid further delay, the third committee has decided to remit the first article of the draft convention, dealing with financial aid to States who are victims of aggression, to a sub-committee, for further consideration.

This decision is due to a conflict between the British and French delegations regarding the terms upon which such assistance, if any, should be granted a disputant, before war-like operations have actually commenced.—Reuter.

Sidney Blackmar, the cinema actor, confirms the report that he was secretly married on May 23 to Lenore Ulrich, the actress, who, however, refused to confirm or comment on the statement.

P'RAPS—

PRAPS NOT!

An Englishman and a Scotsman were discussing the characteristics of their respective countrymen. "Onywey," said Sandy, "we ken hoo to spend the Sabbath Day."

"It's mighty easy for you to do that," replied the Englishman, "it's all you do spend."

A candidate was saying what he would do if only they would elect him to Westminster. After making many promises and pledges he wound up by asserting that he would make his voice heard from Land's End to John o' Groat's.

Back came the inevitable "voice" from the back of the crowd: "Speak up, mister; I can't hear you."

The village football team were giving their annual dance. One of the backs, a large and lumbering person, was no dancer, but at last he was persuaded to take a partner on the floor.

He shambled round in shamed-faced fashion and finally stumbled heavily, bringing his partner with a crash to the ground.

Immediately there arose a concerted shout of "penalty."

"Oh, George, dear," she whispered when he slipped the engagement ring on her tapering finger, "how sweet of you to remember just the sort of stone I preferred! None of the others was ever so thoughtful."

George was staggered for a moment. Then he came back with: "Not at all, dear; you overrate me. This is the one I've always used."

She was inconsistent enough to cry about it.

It was at a London police court. A man was in the dock, charged with the serious crime of sending a child for a packet of Woodbines, the child being under age.

A policeman gave his testimony. The cigarettes were produced in court—damning evidence.

The chairman of the Bench shudders slightly, but only with cold. His hair is a bit thin on top, and he glances at the open window, from which a draught is coming. From his pocket he takes a black velvet cap, and carefully puts it on.

Suddenly there is a hoarse whisper from the public gallery: "Lummel! They're goin' to hang the poor blighter!"

A young girl, proud of her new dress, put it on and proceeded to admire herself in the mirror. Her father admonished her for her conceit.

"D'ye no' ken," he demanded, "that y're just as Nature made ye?"

"An did Nature mak' ye as well?" asked the girl.

"Aye, of course."

"Then, d'ye no' think that they're makin' a better job o' us now, father?"

A visitor in a small village, watching an old rustic fishing in a shallow stream, noticed that for half an hour the angler's hook was never drawn from the water.

"Are there any fish in that stream?" asked the visitor at last.

"No, sir, I don't think so," replied the old man.

"But you seem to be fishing."

"Yes, sir."

"Then what is your object?" was the next question.

"My object, sir, is to show the wife that I've no time to peel the 'taters."

A man named Zeno travelled with a circus during the summer months. Business had been bad, and at the close of the week Zeno went to the manager for his salary. The latter said, "I'm sorry to keep you waiting, Zeno, but we pay alphabetically. If you'll be patient you'll get your turn."

So Zeno waited, and went again to the manager, who said: "I'm very sorry, Zeno, but the money gave out before we got to Z."

The next season Zeno went out with the same show. When the manager saw him he said: "How do you do, Zeno?" And he replied: "Don't call me Zeno, I've changed my name to Ajax."

"There, Alec," she said, "we've been married just a month. I thought I'd celebrate the event. Yes, that's sponge cake, dear."

He kissed the dear little woman, and smiled.

"Think of it—a sponge cake." Alec smiled again.

"What's the matter, dear," she asked at tea. "Don't you like the cake?"

"It's very nice, my pet. I was thinking."

"Of what, dear?"

"Nothing of any consequence, darling. It just struck me that it's no wonder sponges are found at the bottom of the sea."

The trouble dates from that day.

BISHOP'S MURDER

TERRIBLE BUTCHERY OF INNOCENT PRIESTS

"IN COLD BLOOD"

Shanghai, Yesterday. Bishop Trudo Jans, was travelling near Laotang, Hupeh, accompanied by Father Bruno and Father Rupertus, when, it appears, they were attacked by bandits and the whole party murdered in cold blood.

Further details of the dastardly outrage are not yet available.—Reuter.

[The American Occupation received news from Ichang of another terrible crime in Hupeh by brigands or Communists, involving the death of three members of the Occupation, including Bishop Trudo Jans, who has been a resident in China for the past twenty-two years.]

MINISTERS MEET

NANKING OFFICIALS ARRIVE AT SHANGHAI

SHORT STAY ONLY

Shanghai, Yesterday. A Shanghai radio yesterday announced the arrival from Nanking of Chairman Chan Ming-shu, General Tang Yin-wa, Tsai Ting-kai, and Li Yang-kin.

The party will remain in Shanghai till next Saturday, when they leave for Kwangtung, and Minister Sun Fo and General Wu Te-chen, who were expected to have departed on the 14th, will accompany them.—Canton News Agency.

Mr. Sun Fo Departs

Shanghai, Sunday. It is understood that the Minister of Railways, Mr. Sun Fo, has booked passage on a "President" boat, which leaves here on Saturday for South China. The visit, it is learned, is being made to give Mr. Sun Fo an opportunity of studying railway conditions in the South with a view to development. There is no confirmation of the report that he will accept a portfolio in the Kwangtung Provincial Government.

General Chan Ming-shu, (the Canton Civil Governor) Mr. Fan Kee-mo, (the Canton Finance Minister) and General Tang Yin-wa (the Canton Commissioner of Reconstruction) are leaving Nanking for Hangchow on a short trip before returning to Canton. It is believed that the party will leave on Saturday with Mr. Sun Fo for Hong Kong.

Dr. Wang Chung-hui, the chairman of the Nanking Judicial Council, is leaving shortly for Geneva in connection with the desire of the Chinese Government to secure the abolition of extrajudiciality in China.

The foreign tour of Marshals Yen Hsi-shan and Peng Yu-shiang which has been postponed many times, is now reported to be planned for the end of September.

EVEN IN 1919

VIENNESE COMPOSERS' ROMANTIC MARRIAGE

STORY OF STAGE LIFE

An opera romance in real life has led up to the marriage between Herr Emmrich Kalman, the Vienna operetta composer, and Mlle. Vera Natascha. Herr Kalman was recently introduced to the bride, a young refugee of Russian aristocratic birth, at a cabaret supper party in Vienna.

To his surprise he learned from her reply to a question that she was playing a small role in his operetta, "The Duchess of Chicago." The marriage will take place at Ischl Spa.

PLAGUE OF ANTS

Southend was visited recently by a swarm of flying ants. In their thousands they attacked the occupants of deck chairs, and in High-street and Alexandra-street were flying in clouds or crawling along the ground.

Visitors coming from the beach encountered them at the top of Pier Hill, and there was everywhere a wholesale slaughter. So thick were they in some parts that many women fled from the streets. Towards evening they disappeared as quickly as they had come, and by seven there were but a few stragglers, and hundreds of dead bodies to tell the tale.

Lt-General Prince Alongkot, Chief of the General Staff of the Siamese Army, will leave Bangkok for Singapore by the south mail. His Serene Highness will embark on the "Katori Maru" for Yokohama, and will be present at the forthcoming Japanese manoeuvres to take place at the end of this month or the beginning of October. He will be accompanied by Lt-Col. Liang Ram Biddhiring and Major Luang Sorasiddhya Nuborn. The party will also have an opportunity of inspecting other work of the Japanese army and on the return will visit Indo-China. Some five months will be required for the whole trip.

THIEF SENTENCED

PLEADS FOR ANOTHER MAN AT SESSIONS

BURGLARY AT SINCERE'S

Tung Yee-hing, when sentenced to three years' hard labour by the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, for the jade burglary at Messrs. Sincere Co. on the night of July 25-26, said (as he was leaving the dock for the cells) that he knew he had done wrong, but had to ask his Lordship not to ill-treat another prisoner in the case.

On Tung Yee-hing pleading "guilty" to breaking into Sincere's, a second charge was not proceeded with. Mr. H. K. Holmes, C.B.E. (Crown Solicitor) said that the stolen property was valued at about \$4,500, and all but \$200 or so had been recovered.

Yuen Ping-chung was arraigned on an indictment of receiving some of the jade, knowing it to have been stolen. He stated that the articles had been presented to him by Tung Yee-hing, and did not know that they had been stolen. His Lordship entered a plea of "not guilty." The trial (held to-day) is described elsewhere in this issue.

JURY'S RIDER

"NO REFLECTION AGAINST WITNESSES"

BRIBERY CHARGE FAILS

After retiring for a short interval, the jury in the bribery case at the Criminal Sessions yesterday brought in a verdict of "not guilty." The foreman added that the jury considered there was a possibility of a mistake having occurred and that it was not intended to throw any reflection whatsoever on the witnesses for the Crown.

Defendant, Ip Lam, faced an indictment of offering a bribe of \$20 to Mr. W. R. Hillyer (Chief Inspector of Junks and Cargo Boats, Harbour Department), with a view to influencing his conduct as a public servant. He was defended by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Messrs. Russ & Co.

Defendant gave evidence, and a fisherman was also called by the defence.

DUTCH LAW

ALLEGED MURDERERS OF COLLEAGUE LIBERATED

PUBLIC SCENES

Amsterdam, Yesterday. There were remarkable scenes, lasting into the early hours of the morning, here, following the decision by the Appeal Court to liberate two railwaymen, named Klunder and Theunissen, who have suffered four and a half years' imprisonment for the murder of another railwayman.

The accused were originally sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment, and they have unceasingly protested their innocence.—Reuter.

BRITISH ENTERPRISE

In spite of the fact that Portland cement factories are springing up in all corners of the world, it is interesting to note that the manufacturers of "Tunnel" Brand Portland Cement have installed another large rotary kiln, bringing their annual output up to 250,000 tons. The necessity for this step is the fact that the high quality of English cement enables English manufacturers to more than hold their own against increasing competition in markets abroad.

The British Standard Specification for Portland cement is the most exacting standard in the world, but "Tunnel" Cement shows nearly 100 per cent greater strength than that required by the specification.

HEROIC NUN

The funeral of Sister Celestine Harrington, the acting mother superior, who sacrificed her life in the Hayling Island Convent fire, took place at Havant recently after solemn Requiem Mass at South Hayling Roman Catholic Church by the Right Rev. W. T. Cotter, Bishop of Portsmouth, assisted by six priests and a special choir.

A crowded congregation included nuns from the convent and children from the school whose lives were saved, as well as the vicar and curate of Hayling Island. During the night the coffin remains reposed before the high altar at the church, and school-children lined the sides of the path through which the cortege passed.

Mr. Topham, acting general manager, Perak River Hydro-Electric Power Co., Ltd., Ipoh, accompanied by Mrs. Topham, has left for home.

The funeral of Mr. Lim Guan Thar, a well-known tanyak, of Lankat (Sumatra) and Penang, took place at Penang.

KOWLOON TRAFFIC

PROSECUTION BREAKS DOWN IN CAR CASE

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE

On the ground of insufficient evidence, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith yesterday dismissed a summons in which Mr. A. Brown, of the Hong Kong Hotel Garage, and a Chinese driver formerly employed by the Peninsula Hotel Garage were charged with driving two motor cars in a reckless manner in Chatham-road at 7.30 p.m. on August 11.

Chief Inspector Aris estimated that Mr. Brown's car was doing 35 to 40 miles per hour with the other car following immediately behind. The defence was that the cars could not have been immediately behind each other as the Chinese driver did not leave the garage until five minutes after Mr. Brown, whilst Mr. G. T. Gover, of the Peninsula Hotel Garage, who was with Mr. Brown, gave evidence that the car never went more than 17 to 18 miles per hour.

WOMEN WARRIORS

WONDERFUL SHOTS IN AFGHANISTAN

We have heard a great deal about Afghanistan lately, but perhaps some of you do not know the part that the women of this warlike country take in the fighting.

Let us suppose that a scout has come hurrying into some little town with the news that an armed tribe is approaching. The order goes out immediately to arm the citadel.

Men and women hurry to the strong fortress with its numerous slits of windows. A man takes the place of honour at a loophole, and his womanfolk line up behind him. Maybe he is a young man of about twenty-four, in which case he has probably been married recently to the girl of twenty who stands behind him, ready to hand him his second rifle or to tend him if he is wounded, for it is her place to supply bandages for the men. Behind the young wife stands the warrior's unmarried sister, a girl of seventeen or eighteen, or his mother, or even his old grandmother, if he has no sisters. Should the soldier fall and his wife be obliged to go to his assistance, the young sister springs to the loophole and takes her brother's firearm, while her mother or grandmother waits behind her.

The women of Afghanistan are wonderful shots. After a fierce siege, it is quite usual for old grandmothers, or young girls to stand fearlessly at the loopholes, holding the fortress till the men who have been fighting elsewhere, come to their aid.

ADVENTURES AT 70

MOTOR-BOAT VOYAGE TO SOUTH AMERICA

Mr. J. Woodcock, aged 70, a passenger on the White Star liner "Corinthian," which arrived in Southampton from New Zealand recently, is shortly to start on a voyage to South America and then to the upper reaches of the Amazon as engineer of a 70ft. motor-boat. He will accompany the Rev. A. W. Benton, a missionary, whom he met during the voyage.

"We hope to take the little ship out from this country to South America," said Mr. Woodcock, "and then up the great river to that part of the country where Mr. Benton's duties take him."

Mr. Woodcock set out from England to visit Wellington 45 years ago, but it was only during the last six weeks that he arrived there. On the voyage out he went ashore at Hobart, missed his ship, and settled down to work.

ITALIAN LAW

Mr. E. A. Cave, principal of Harrow High School, states that his daughter, the wife of Professor Carlo Rosselli, is in an Italian prison in consequence of her husband's escape from Lipari Island. He proposes, if she is not released, to ask the Foreign Secretary if he can intervene.

Signor Rosselli, who was Professor of Economics at Genoa University, was imprisoned by the Fascists for alleged complicity in the escape from Italy of Signor Turati, the Socialist leader. Three weeks ago Professor Rosselli, with two companions, escaped to France.

His wife and his brother were arrested, apparently as hostages for the political good behaviour abroad of Signor Rosselli. Signora Rosselli was taken to Acosta prison, and, on account of her poor state of health, was transferred to the prison hospital.

M. Pierre Marraud, the French Minister of Public Instruction, was married at Tulle, in the east of France, to Mme. Renee Lechat, M. Albert Sarraute, his predecessor in office, being best man.

Puepi, where several miners lost their lives in serious disturbances, is calm again. The Rumanian Cabinet are investigating the affair.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Heart of a Nation."

To-day—World Theatre: "The Emiden" (Continuous performance from 1.30 to 11.15 p.m.).

To-day—Star Theatre: "Man, Woman and Sin."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Naughty Nannette" (added attraction, Nina and Jacques, at 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.).

To-day—At Theatre Royal, Forbes, Russell Comedy Co., in "The Patsy" or "Molly Make Believe," 9.15 p.m.

Sept. 21—Kowloon Football Club Concert, 9.15 p.m.

Oct. 21—Nelson Day Concert at Lee Theatre, 9 p.m.

Lammert's Auction

Sept. 20—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, household furniture and blackwood furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Home Mails

To-morrow—Outward for America and ports, and Europe via San Francisco ("Shinyo Maru"), 8.30 a.m.

Sports

Sept. 21—Victoria Recreation Club Night fete.

Sept. 25—St. John Ambulance Brigade aquatic sports, King's College bath, 10 a.m.

Meeting

To-day—Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Sept. 19—Reception at St. Peter's Young Men's Club in honour of the Rev. Norman L. Watkins, 9 p.m.

Sept. 20—Reception in Union Church, Kowloon, in honour of the Rev. J. Horace Johnston & Mrs. Johnston, 9 p.m.

Sept. 20—Reception at No. 1 Park-road, on the occasion of Mr. Fung Ping-chen's 70th birthday, 4 to 6 p.m.

PARCEL DELIVERY

HOW THE POST OFFICE AT HOME WORKS

Every year His Majesty's Post Office handles over six thousand million letters, not to mention some 150,000,000 parcels. In these transactions the railways of Great Britain are called upon to play a prominent part. Over eighty per cent. of the letters, amounting to 25,000,000 bags, and 140,000 parcels, are conveyed by train each year. Of all the operations connected with the handling of mails by railway, the most spectacular is the receipt and delivery of mails at intermediate points by the travelling post offices, while the mail trains are travelling at full speed. For this purpose mail sorting-coaches, specially equipped for this exchange, are used in conjunction with suitable ground apparatus at the line-side.

The apparatus for receiving the mails consists of a large net, folded neatly into the side of the coach, and extended ready for use by means of a lever inside the coach. For delivery purposes each sorting-coach is provided with two tractor arms, normally folded to the coach-side below the level of the net, but swung outwards when the delivery is to take place. At each fixed location where exchanges are arranged to take place, a corresponding ground apparatus is provided. This consists of a capacious net to receive the bags from the train, and a high rotating standard, the arm of which is bent over at the top, so that it can be swung out towards the line carrying the bags for the train, when the latter is signalled as approaching. Substantial construction of all apparatus is essential, and it is also necessary to enclose all mailbags to be exchanged in stout leather pouches, as the strain to which apparatus and bags are subjected at high speeds is considerable.

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MARRIAGE PROTEST

GIRL OF 13 TO MAN OF 73

There is much resentment just now in Benares at the marriage of a Vaid, or practitioner in the Ayur Vedic system of medicine, aged 73, with a girl of 13.

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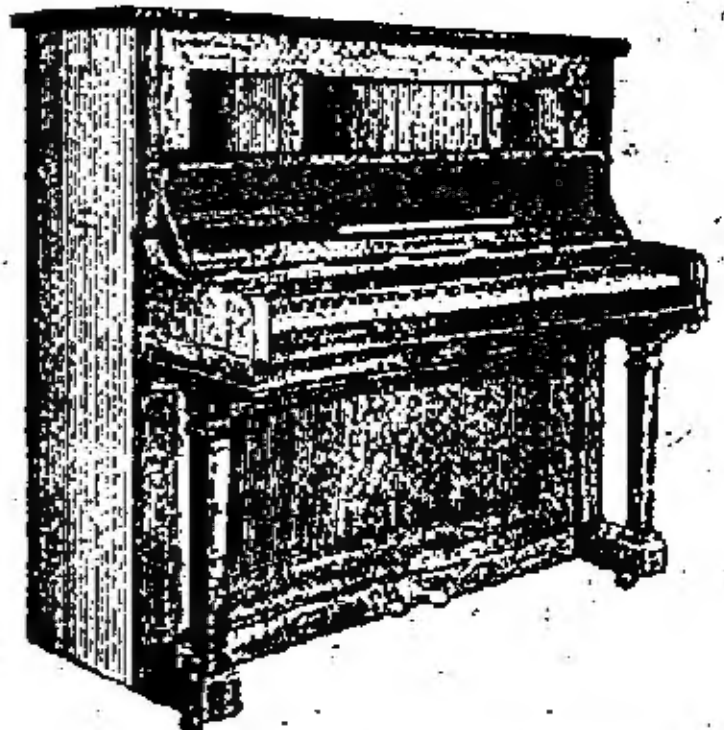
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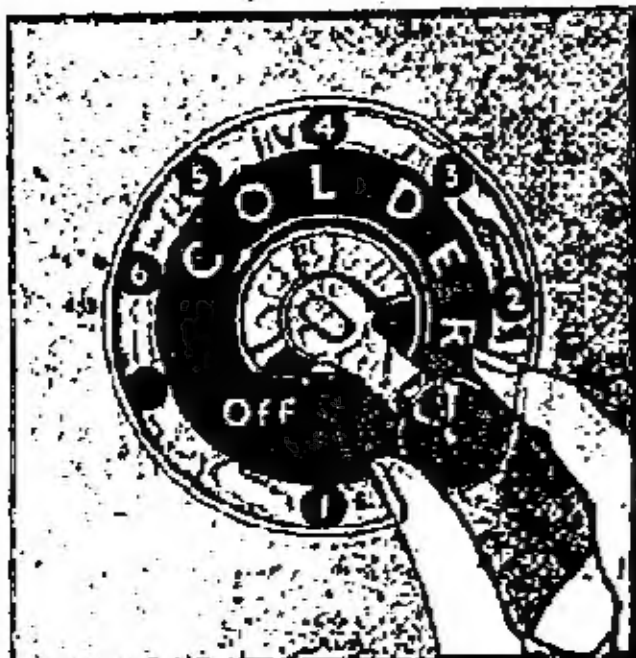
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CITY TYPIST AND THE HEAT
WAVES—

BATHING COSTUME

Liverpool can claim the most daring miss of 1929.

Defying all conventions and risking dismissal, this young woman, who is a typist, was found working at her typewriter wearing nothing but her bathing costume.

Although the light blue swimming habit blended perfectly with her flaxen shingle, she declared that it was not for appearance that she had taken this step.

"The heat so got me down," she explained, "that I felt I must do something. I am getting along swimmingly," she smiled at her joke—and I don't see why the 'governor' should object when it is done in the cause of efficiency.

I am typing better and faster than ever.

"I am not ashamed. Nobody ever comes without knocking, and in two seconds I can slip on my dress."

The girl's employers have not congratulated her on her audacity. Nor on the other hand, have they censured her.

Sprawling Girls

A visitor to the recent Southport Holiness Convention launched an attack on the conduct of female bathers at the open-air bathing lake at Southport. He described them as sprawling on the grass in all sorts of careless attitudes.

One party, he said, brought a gramophone, a ukulele, a pack of cards, a thermos flask, sandwiches, sunshades, pots of cream for sunburn, library books, gorgeous sunshades and vanity bags. These they spread on 'bright coloured towels' and, having been a minute or two in the water, they spent hours in getting sun-scorched, smoking, combing their hair and surveying themselves in mirror.

Pet Monkey's Dip

Major Haines, manager of the open-air bathing lake, said that he had nothing to state in reply to this criticism as he considered it was not worthy of notice. He had not had a solitary complaint from the public on the ground of immodesty on the part of sun-bathers since the bathing lake was opened two years ago.

The foibles of women bathers are now confined to bathing-dress parades.

LABOUR'S LIFE

PROMINENT CONSERVATIVE
GIVES IT 18 MONTHS

Speaking at a garden party at Vinton, Surrey, recently, Sir George F. Penny, "Malaya's" M.P., said that many people had asked him why the Conservative Party did not get back into power. First and foremost, it was because of the tremendous apathy amongst those who really believed in the Conservative Party and had the welfare of the country at heart, but were too tired to work and too niggardly to support the Party's funds for getting the propaganda necessary to educate the electorate. The Socialists were working wholeheartedly, and were ready to pay for the creed in which they believed.

There had been a swing of the pendulum, and people said, "Let the others have a chance," continued the speaker. But why should the others have a chance, if those already in power had done well? The late Prime Minister did his utmost to preserve the integrity of the country, and, in the hour of need, showed he could hold the foe at bay. At the election, Liberals intervened in seats where they had no proper chance, and which were, in consequence, captured by the Socialists.

Press Unfair

Sir George complained that the Press had not been fair to Mr. Baldwin, and said a further reason for the Conservative Government's defeat was the extension of the franchise. It was forced rather too quickly on people who had not been sufficiently educated in their duties and responsibilities.

The Socialists did and said different things when in office from what they said on the hustings. They say we are turning them out of office, but that is the last thing we want to do. We want them to fulfil their promises, and, given enough rope, their own people will hang them. The speaker said he would give the Labour Party eighteen months in office, and during that time he wanted his supporters to work shoulder to shoulder for the next election. A conclusion, Sir George Penny criticised the Government's attitude towards Safeguarding.

AIR MAIL

The R.A.F. flying-boat which is engaged in mapping out the proposed route for the extension of the England-Japan air mail between Calcutta and Rangoon and Singapore, sighted at Ichang, on the Hooghly River, recently.

The machine will make two more trial flights to Singapore and back, and after that a report will be drawn up.

MONEY AND SHARES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/10 3/4
Bank, on demand	1/10 18/16
Bank, 30 days' sight	—
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/11
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/11 3/4
Documentary 4 months' sight	1/11 7/8
On Paris—	
On demand	117 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	128 1/2
On Berlin—	
On demand	—
On New York—	
On demand	46 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	47 1/4
On Bombay—	
Wire	127 1/4
On demand	127 1/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	127 1/4
On demand	127 1/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	82
On Manila—	
On demand	92 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand	83 1/4
30 days' sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	97
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1015
Silver (per oz.)	23 9/16
Rar Silver in Hong Kong	3 1/2 dis.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3 1/2 prem.
Rate of Native Interest	7 1/2 p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	25 1/2 p.c.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	—

IN A "MOTH"

HOME AFTER TEN MONTHS OF
THRILLS

ROUND THE WORLD

Paris, July 16.

"We have had the most wonderful trip," said the Vicomtesse Jacques de Sibour, who was formerly Miss Selfridge, to a pressman.

She and her husband have just completed a 16,000-mile tour round the world in a small Moth aeroplane in exactly ten months.

The Vicomte Jacques de Sibour and his wife are keen aviators, and had originally intended to fly east on a shooting expedition, but, although they carried only two minute suitcases with them, they decided to make the round trip, sometimes flying over almost uncharted territory.

"Our machine behaved wonderfully," she continued, "and although we changed our engine at Karachi in India because of a mechanical defect, that was our only real mishap. We have not even had to blow up the tyres of our landing wheels.

"We started from London on September 14 last year, and flew by way of France and Spain to Algeria, where we made a forced landing in the Atlas Mountains, which was, however, not serious. From there we proceeded along the north coast of Africa to Cairo, whence we flew to Bagdad and Basrah.

Shot at By Arabs

"Here we had rather an exciting incident," her husband broke in. "An Englishman, Mr. Charles Crane, had gone out in the Koweit by motor-car in spite of official warnings and was shot at by Arabs. A punitive expedition by the Air Force was organised, and although I was not allowed to go with it, I flew with smoke bombs in my little Moth accompanied by one of the squadron officers. During the flight two of my cylinders gave out, and we were forced to land.

"Fortunately we were spotted by some of the other aeroplanes, so that on their return motor-cars were sent out to meet us. In the meantime we taxied thirty-five miles along the ground, a record I should think, until our petrol ran out, and then we began to walk. It was lucky the motor-car met us, otherwise we had a fifty-mile walk ahead of us without food or water."

"It was from here that the engine was shipped to Karachi for exchange. In the meantime the Vicomte had to undergo a sudden operation for appendicitis at Teheran, where luckily there was a Scottish doctor to attend to him. This caused a delay of five weeks, at the end of which the aeroplane was picked up again at Karachi. Thence, after visiting Calcutta, Bombay, and Delhi, they proceeded over what was the most dangerous and arduous part of the flight—over Burma towards China.

70-Foot Trees

"Here the ground is almost unknown," said the Vicomte, "and the mountains are covered with dense forests and trees 70 feet high. I can assure you we listened to our engine anxiously for in case of a breakdown there was no possible landing place, and even if there had been we should never have been found again."

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Indo-Chinas (Pref.)

Indo-Chinas (Def.)

Shell Transports (old)

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Cotton Mills

Ewo Cottons

Shanghai Cottons (old)

Shanghai Cottons (new)

Zong Sings

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Shanghai Lands

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Peak Trams (new)

Star Ferries

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China Lights (old)

China Lights (new)

China Lights 1928 issue

H.K. Electric (old)

H.K. Electric (new)

Macao Electric

H.K. Telephones

China Buses

Singapore Tractions

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Sandakan Lts.

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China Sugars

Malabon Sugars

Canton Ices

Cements (comb.)

Cements (old)

Cements (new)

H.K. Ropes (old)

H.K. Ropes (new)

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RARE OPERATION

KIDNEYS REMOVED AND
REPLACED

CAUSE OF JUSTICE

A story of an attempt by doctors at King's College Hospital to save the life of a man by a rare and difficult operation, which had only been performed once before in the history of the hospital, was told at the Camberwell inquest on William Mitchell McKechnie, a blind masseur of Aristotle-road, Clapham, who took corrosive sublimate in mistake for calomel.

Dr. H. Llewellyn Rees said that both kidneys were removed, treated, and then replaced. The operation was successful, and had the desired effect for a time, but the man later became worse.

When they realised that McKechnie had no chance, he was told and made a statement which was signed and witnessed, describing how he took the poison.

The Coroner, Mr. Douglas Cowburn, recording a verdict of death by misadventure, described the operation as "a very difficult and dangerous one, but based on perfectly sound scientific principles."

"The action of taking a dying man's declaration," added Mr. Cowburn, "is worthy of all praise. If all factors were as careful the cause of justice would be very materially assisted."

his daughter and her husband were enthusiastically received. A call was made on President Hoover, and the world travellers also opened the first aero country club in the United States, on Long Island.

After this the aeroplane was shipped to France, and the travellers are now in Paris looking not at all tired, very cheerful, and quite sure that there is only one way of travelling, and that is by Moth aeroplane.

"One sees so much more of the country in this way, and from the point of view of expense there is no comparison," they said.

"Although it was not made as a demonstration, our trip has shown the reliability of these small machines for touring use."

NEW DEATH RAY

SECRET TERROR IN BLACK
BOX

WORLD ANNIHILATION

World annihilation by sound waves is the startling possibility held out by a young Guildford wireless engineer, who claims to have invented a new death-ray.

John Morgan Symes is a pale, blue-eyed, innocent-looking young man of 28, with a disarming smile. But to hear Mr. Symes expound his ambitions for destroying armies by the pressure of a button is to know that appearances are deceptive.

Nor is the large black box, which contains his great secret, and which he guards so carefully, calculated to inspire trust.

No actual large scale test has yet been made with the Symes's Death-Ray. For if there had—according to the inventor—nobody would be left to tell the tale.

"My invention is the result of five years' of experimenting with sound waves," Mr. Symes told a pressman. "When I tell you that science has long realised that men and animals can be struck dead by a sound too highly pitched for the human ear to hear, you will have an idea of what I am aiming at."

"Such sound waves would set up vibrations that would shatter the ear drums and the blood corpuscles, yet nobody would hear them. Death would come to them so suddenly they would know nothing at all about it."

Mr. Symes claims that he has carried out a number of minor experiments with remarkable success. "I can set up waves that, though they cannot be heard, cause acute discomfort to anyone within 50 yards," Mr. Symes said.

Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL

OLDHAM STILL HEAD SECOND DIVISION

THIRD DIVISION UPSETS

Four matches in the First Division were played to-day, the most surprising being Birmingham's defeat of West Ham on the latter's ground.

Oldham retained their undefeated record in Division II, accounting for Barnsley by the odd goal in five. Hull came into second place through beating Southampton. Reading surprised Swansea on the latter's ground.

In the Third Division the leaders were engaged in both sections, resulting in a variation of the premier positions. Thus South and in the Southern Section went down before their own spectators before Northampton, whilst Coventry got only one point as the outcome of their visit to Swindon. The same applied to the visits of Brentford and Fulham to Clapton Orient and Queen's Park Rangers respectively.

In the Northern Section Port Vale lost the first match of the season after a rare struggle against Lincoln on the latter's ground. Halifax got away from the bottom of the table by a narrow win over Doncaster.

None of the Scottish League teams was engaged.

Undefeated Teams

The list of undefeated teams now reads:—

First Division—Derby County, Stoke.

Third Division (South)—Plymouth, Brentford.

Third Division (North)—Stockport, Rochdale.

Scottish League—Rangers.

Division I.

Blackburn 4 Newcastle 2

Huddersfield 2 Liverpool 0

Leeds 2 Everton 1

West Ham 0 Birmingham 1

Division II.

Cardiff 3 Notts County 0

Hull 2 Southampton 0

Millwall 1 Bradford 2

Oldham 3 Barnsley 2

Swansea 0 Reading 1

Division III. (South)

Clapton O. 1 Brentford 1

Luton 2 Gillingham 0

Norwich 3 Walsall 0

Queen's P.R. 0 Fulham 0

Southend 1 Northampton 2

Swindon 1 Coventry 1

Division III. (North)

Halifax 1 Doncaster 0

Liverpool 3 Port Vale 2

—Reuter.

THE LEAGUE TABLES

First Division

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Derby 5 4 1 0 13 4 19

Arsenal 5 4 0 1 16 6 8

Wednesday 4 3 0 1 8 3 6

Middlesbrough 5 3 0 2 16 10 6

Birmingham 5 3 0 2 12 9 6

Grimsby 5 2 2 1 10 8 6

Barnley 5 2 2 1 10 8 6

Huddersfield 5 3 0 2 8 9 6

Newcastle 6 3 0 3 14 16 6

Mechester U. 5 3 0 2 8 11 6

Everton 6 1 3 2 10 9 5

West Ham 6 2 1 3 16 15 5

Whester C. 5 2 1 2 11 11 5

Blackburn 5 2 1 2 12 12 5

Leeds 5 2 1 2 12 12 5

Liverpool 5 2 0 3 6 12 4

Leicester 5 1 1 3 11 11 3

Sheffield U. 5 1 1 3 11 14 3

Sunderland 4 1 1 2 6 8 3

Aston Villa 5 1 1 3 6 14 3

Portsmouth 5 0 1 4 8 11 3

Bolton 4 0 1 3 4 8 1

Second Division

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Oldham 5 5 0 0 14 5 10

Hull 5 4 1 0 8 2 9

Reading 5 4 0 2 12 8 8

Blackpool 5 4 0 1 16 11 8

Charlton 5 3 1 1 15 8 7

Stoke 5 2 3 0 11 8 7

Cardiff 6 3 1 2 10 8 7

Chelsea 4 3 0 1 9 4 6

Bradford 5 3 0 2 9 10 6

West Brom. 5 2 1 2 13 10 5

Bradford C. 5 2 1 2 13 10 5

Wolves 5 2 1 2 11 11 5

Bristol C. 5 2 1 2 10 11 5

Stamphord 6 2 1 3 12 15 5

Tottenham 6 2 1 3 6 9 5

Bury 4 2 0 2 10 8 4

Barnsley 4 2 0 2 9 8 4

Swansea 5 0 2 3 8 10 3

Notts Forest 5 0 1 4 15 1 0

Millwall 5 0 0 5 8 18 0

Preston N.E. 5 0 0 5 2 12 0

WATER POLO

KOWLOON TEAM DEFEAT V.R.C. BY TWO GOALS

SOMERSETS BEAT CHINESE

Two matches in the Water Polo League were played in the V.R.C. bath last evening, the result being that the Kowloon "A" team now has the same number of points as the V.R.C. "A" but the latter has the advantage of one game in hand.

The Kowloon "A's" victims last night were the V.R.C. "B" team, which went down to the linc of three goals to one. The score, however, is not a good indication of the game, which was fairly closely contested throughout. The Kowloon "A" made more use of their opportunities, whilst their defence was so sound that the Victorians were often held.

The goal scorers were: Simpson (2), and Roger (1) (Kowloon); and Lawrence (1) (V.R.C.).

In the other match the Somerset Light Infantry got the better of the Chinese "A" team. They scored six goals to their opponents' one, but then the Chinese played one man short, which made a big difference. It was a scrappy match and men from both sides were ordered out of the bath for waiting in the two-yard area.

The goal scorers were: Somerset, Fox (2), Early (2), Howard and Mackenzie one each; and for the Chinese, Chan Chi-ching (1).

League Table

The latest positions of the teams are as follows:

Goals.

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Kowloon "A" 7 7 0 1 27 4 14

Chinese "B" 6 5 0 0 17 6 10

V.R.C. "B" 8 5 0 3 29 15 10

Somerset 8 3 0 0 17 10 6

K.O.S.B. "A" 7 3 0 4 9 12 6

Navy 7 3 0 4 9 10 6

Kowloon "B" 7 1 1 5 6 17 3

Chinese "A" 7 1 0 6 7 21 2

K.O.S.B. "B" 7 0 1 6 3 25 1

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TENNIS DOUBLES

FINCHER BROTHERS LOSE TO STRAITS PLAYERS

EXCITING PLAY

The Fincher Brothers, who have entered the semi-final of the tennis doubles in the Chinese Athletic Association's tournament without playing a single match, made their first appearance on the Stadium court yesterday afternoon, when they were defeated by the Straits players, John Lim and Lim Bong-so (in straight sets).

Play was not of a brilliant nature, but there was quite a lot of excitement. The first set went to the Straits players for 6-2, after the Finchers had opened well and taken the first two games. They could not retain their lead, however, against the good placing and combination of the Lim's.

Excitement was highest in the second set, which went to 32 games before the Chinese pair took the set for 17-15. At one stage of this set the Finchers had a good chance of making one set all, when they led by 5-3 and 40-15 on their own service. They lost the point and then missed another chance when they led 40-15 in the 12th game, with the set at 6-5 in favour of the Chinese. After this the Lim's steadily predominated. The third set went to the Straits players for 6-2.

In the other doubles match, the Lo Brothers easily defeated Lin Tak-cheuk and Chia Tsun-shui by 6-0; 6-1.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT

Hong Doubles

S. E. Green and G. Bodiker qualified for the final of the Hong Doubles yesterday afternoon, when they beat L. C. F. Bellamy and V. R. Gordon, of the Tramway Company, by 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

L. R. C. Tournament

Intending Competitors for the Annual Tennis Tournament organised by the Ladies' Recreation Club are reminded that entries close on Saturday, Sept. 21.

BOXING

DEMPEY MAY RETURN FOR A MILLION DOLLARS

Jack Dempsey has not given up boxing for good. He will return to the ring on two conditions, namely:—

(a) That he is fit.

(b) That a purse of a million dollars is offered to him.

This is what he said when he was interviewed regarding the stories, which are current of his preparations to fight again.

Would Like to Keep On

He said: "I'd like to keep on fighting. I always have got a kick out of fighting, more than out of anything else. But I've had my share of the fun and I am 34 years old. There are plenty of young fellows around to take up the battle."

"People tell me I would be foolish to turn down a million-dollar offer to fight again. I don't say that I would turn it down. But so far nobody has offered me a million."

"If somebody did offer a million and I believed I could win, and get into good shape, I would take it. I would want the privilege of withdrawing from the fight. Under these conditions, I could be willing to make another stab."

"There are certain types of fighters I always could beat and I knew just what they were. I made my great fights against the sort of fellows I could get a punch at. I liked to meet the sort of fighters who were willing to fight. Any fellow I could punch at was the kind I liked."

Ideal Opponent

Dempsey was high in his praise of Firpo. "He was an ideal opponent for me," he said. "He was willing to punch and take a gamble. I guess Luis and I gave the customers plenty to talk about."

"Even if I were offered a million to fight again, I wouldn't consider it if the man they asked me to go in with was a runner. I've had enough of them."

"I haven't all the money in the world and I could use a million as well as the next one. But I've got enough to live on. Some people like to make out that I have frittered away my money. They're wrong. I have enough to keep me, but, as I said, I could use more. Who couldn't?"

LAWN BOWLS

INTERPORT PRACTICE GAME TO-MORROW

ON C.S.C.C. GREEN

An Interport practice game has been arranged to take place on the Civil Service Club green at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow (Wednesday).

The teams will be—
J. Laing, R. Bass, A. W. Grimmit, and J. Ferguson (skip).
F. Cullen, W. Mair, U. Omar, and S. Gray (skip).

Clubs are urged to play off their Spey Cup matches this week.

POLO

CONTEST FOR LADY STUBBS CUP

Last evening two more matches were played in the polo competition for the Lady Stubbs Cup at the Polo Ground, Causeway Bay.

In the first game the two Typhoon teams met and the "B" combination defeated the "A" team by the odd goal in three.

The victorious Typhoons then played the Gunners in the second game and took their scalp also, scoring two goals without reply.

To-day's rainfall 0.08 inch

1929 rainfall .62.63 inches

Average .71.74 inches

Deficit .9.11 inches

WATER RETURN

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on September 1, 1929. CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

1928 1929

Tytam 21' 5" B 1' 1" B

Tytam Bywash 15' 8" B 1' 1" B

Tytam Intermediate 1' 1" B 12' 7" B

Tytam Tuk 1' 1" B 12' 7" B

Wong Nei Chung 16' 5" B 4' 1" B

Pokfulam 14' 0" B 1' 1" B

[Note: B denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow"; L denotes "Level with Overflow".]

Storage in million and decimals of gallons

1928 1929

Tytam 227.15 384.80

Tytam Bywash 5.26 22.37

Tytam Intermediate 195.90 156.90

Tytam Tuk 1,273.00 1,128.75

Wong Nei Chung 12.62 23.19

Pokfulam 55.00 62.14

Total 1,749.93 1,819.15

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of August

1928 1929

Consumption 326.52 189.65

Estimated population 424,820 435,410

Consumption per head per day 24.8 14.0

* Includes 60 M.G. from Taiho Dam.

Full supply in all Rider Main Districts during August 1929, with the exception of the districts West of Garden Road where an intermittent supply was given from 1st to 8th August, 1929.

August, 1929.

From 1st to 7th inclusive there was a supply of street fountains only, from 6 a.m.—

World News In Pictures

Marshal Chiang Reviews His Troops



Commander-in-Chief Chiang Kai-shek held a review of part of the 5th Division, under the command of General Hsiung Shih-hui, at Lungchow, outside Shanghai. The inspection started at 5 o'clock and was concluded by 7 o'clock, when the Commander-in-Chief delivered a speech of admonition before 300 minor officers of the 5th Division. Photo shows Marshal Chiang addressing the officers; inset: close-up of Marshal Chiang and General Hsiung. (C. H. Wong Studio).

A Ticklish Situation



Psychopathic tests will be made upon Arthur Gerken, above, 11-year-old boy of Rochester, N.Y., charged with shooting and fatally wounding Henry King, his 13-year-old playmate. Since the boy is not yet 16, his alleged crime is not punishable by death or life imprisonment, or can he be charged with juvenile delinquency.

Romance Near "Crash"



One thing or another but chiefly linguistic difficulties are breaking up the romance between Jean Assolant, French Atlantic flyer and his bride of a few months, the former Pauline Parker. The couple were married three days before the "Yellow Bird" hopped off from Old Orchard, Me., for France. He speaks hardly any English and she no French.

Parents of Victim and Wife of Accused



Mrs. Melvin Hix, left, is the mother of Theora Hix, Ohio State school girl, who was murdered by Professor James H. Snook, according to his own confession. In the center is Mrs. James H. Snook, wife of the deposed professor now being tried for the murder at Columbus, Ohio, courthouse. Melvin Hix, right, the mourning father of the slain girl.

Houdon's Washington



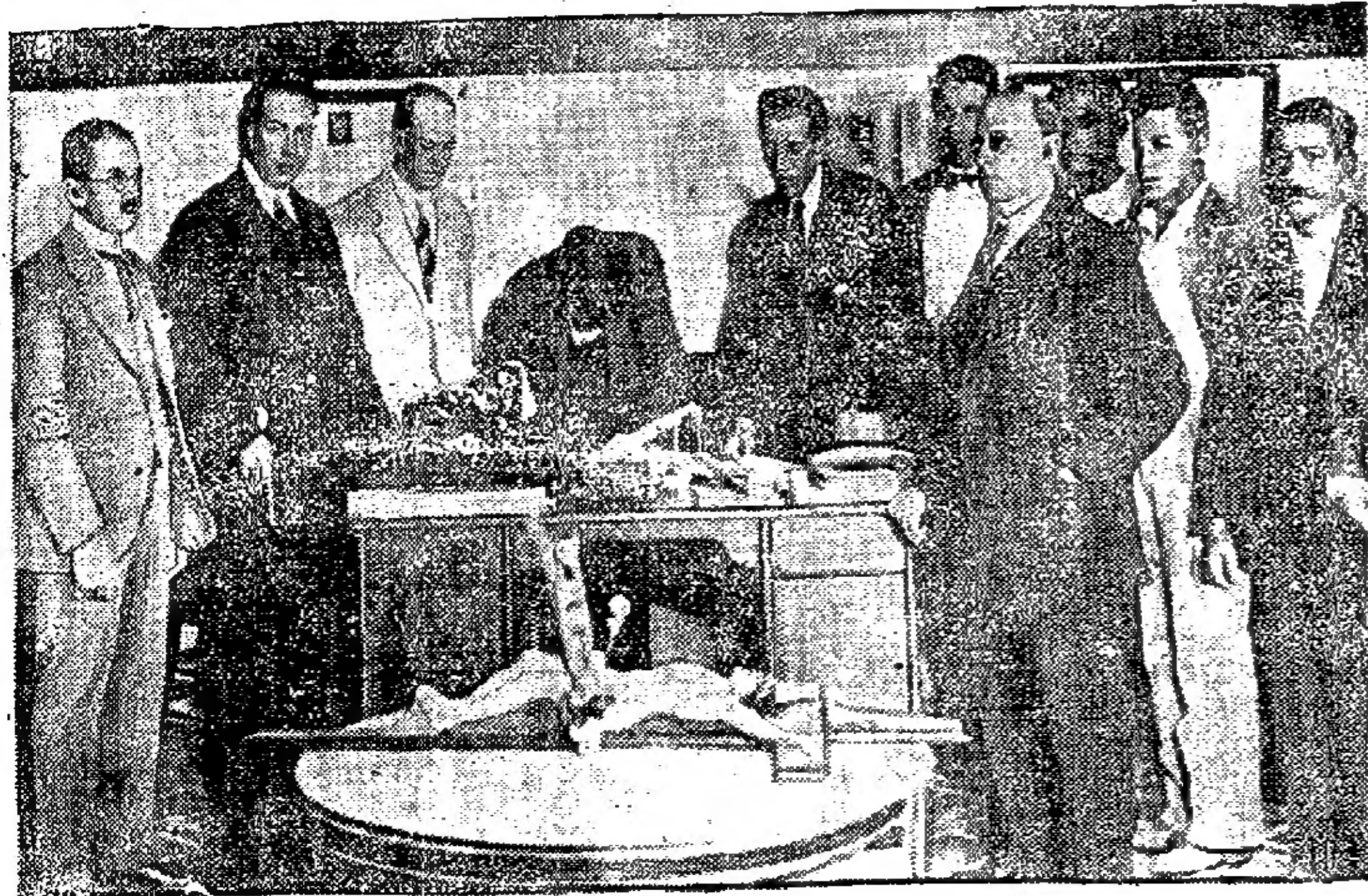
Jean Antoine Houdon's famous bust of George Washington was purchased in London for \$250,000 by an American, the negotiation having been made by J. I. McGurk, American art expert. Although the purchaser's name was not made public, it is rumored to be either Percy A. Rockefeller or John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Heads Naval Chaplains



Captain Curtis H. Dickens, retired, former chief chaplain of the U.S. Navy, has been succeeded by Captain Sydney K. Evans, above, senior chaplain at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Church-State Strife Ends



Four representatives of the Federal Government in the presence of ten witnesses turned over each church in Mexico to the priest designated by the police. The picture above shows the actual signing of the papers as the Church-State antagonism was brought to a close in Mexico City.

Schoolboy Rowers Bring Home the Bacon



Here they are, the unknown crew representing Brown-Nichols School of Cambridge, Mass., which started the rowing world tangle. These schoolboys conquered where the sensational Columbia lightweight failed. A twelve-year-old boy, weighing less than 80 pounds steered the crew to victory. He is Edward White, shown in the foreground.

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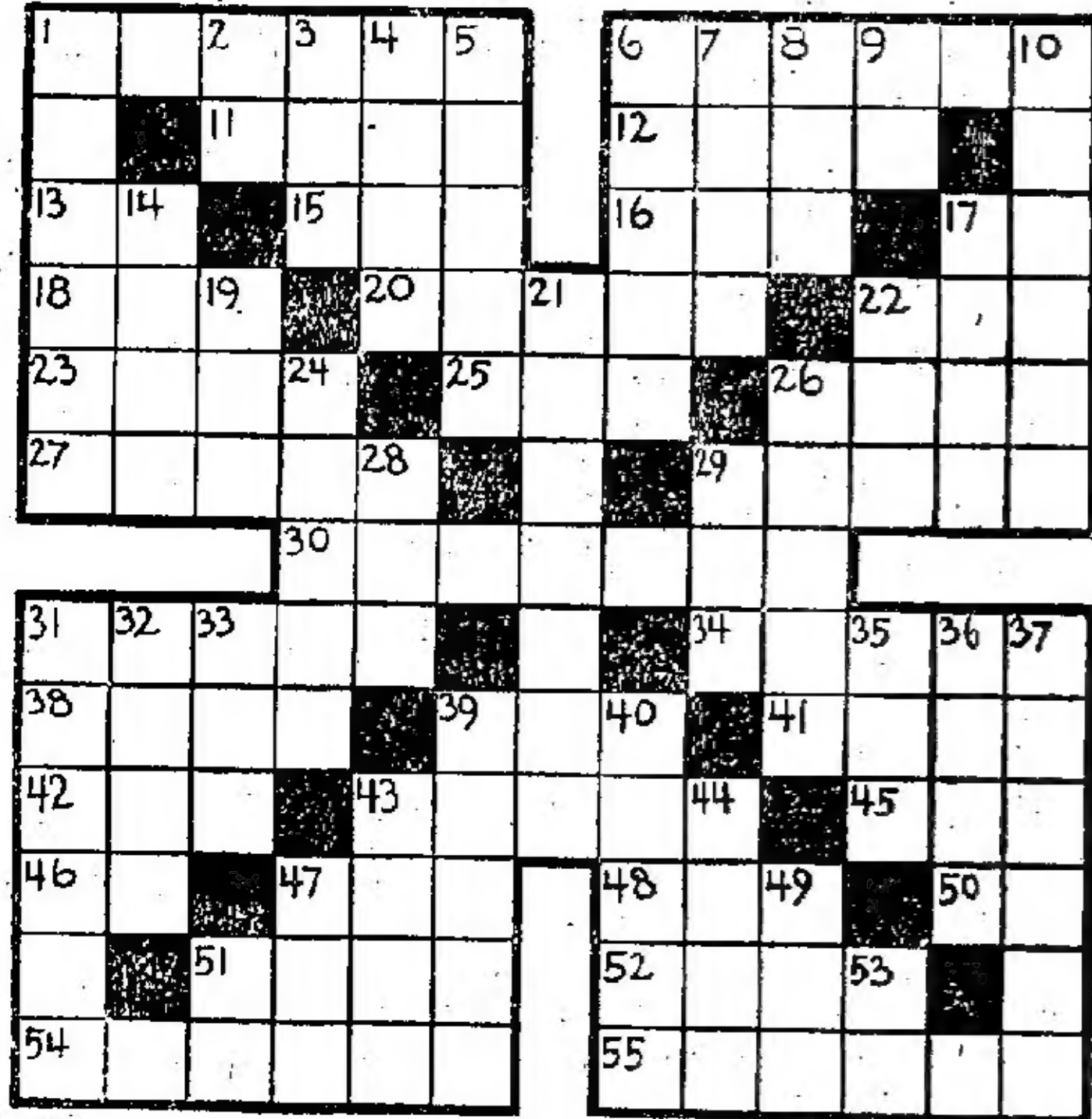
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

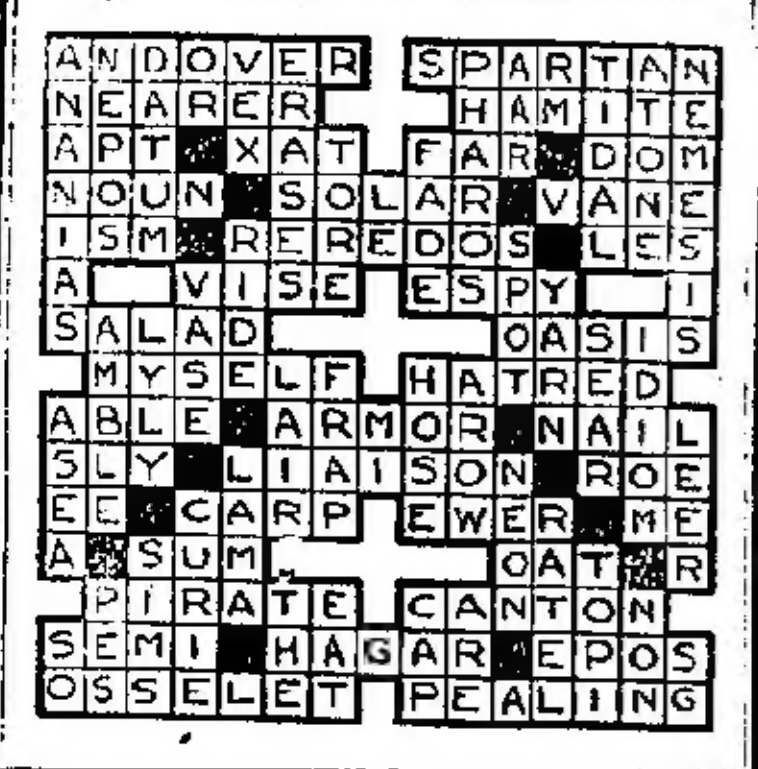
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are asked to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, pleur, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Enlarge | 46-Indefinite article | 21-dawn (Gr. Myth.) |
| 5-Narrow | 47-The sun | 22-Pertaining to a list |
| 11-A fabled demon | 48-Any male descendant | 23-Tire out |
| 12-Neat | 50-Egyptian sun-god | 24-Manufacturing city in Georgia |
| 13-Pronoun | 51-Be agitated | 25-Cheerfully |
| 18-To go (Scott.) | 52-Discharge | 26-One of the Caroline Islands |
| 19-A measure of length | 54-An instrument for knitting | 27-Printer's measure (pl.) |
| 17-Prefix, two | 55-Narrate | 31-A melody |
| 16-Mimic | | 32-The eldest son of Adam |
| 20-Graded | | 33-Organic (abbr.) |
| 22-A dandy | | 35-Corrode |
| 23-A machine for weaving | VERTICAL | 36-A wide-mouthed water pitcher |
| 25-Uncooked | 1-Emit | 37-Gratify |
| 26-Abroad | 2-Toward | 39-Daughter of Nephele and Athamas |
| 27-An endavor | 3-Urge | 40-One who sires and hears avastiously |
| 29-Large bird of prey | 4-Approach | 43-Defile |
| 30-Slander | 5-Dreary (poetic) | 44-City in N. W. Alaska |
| 31-Hollow cut | 6-To cover scattering | 47-Turf |
| 34-Slumber | 7-Trampled | 49-Nothing (Latin) |
| 38-A small mountain lake | 8-Clear | 51-To have existence |
| 39-Cured meat of hog | 9-A college degree (abbr.) | 53-Tantalum (abbr.) |
| 41-A small sailing vessel | 10-Treble | |
| 42-A horse and vehicle | 14-A series of herds | |
| 43-A small greenish fish | 17-To form into pods | |
| 45-Golf term | 19-The goddess of the | |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



NAVY'S BREAD

FLEET COMPETITION RESULTS

Admiralty Fleet Orders contained the results of the Mediterranean Fleet annual bread-making competitions.

The winner in the section for ships with bakeries was C.P.O. Cook William H. Jane (Devonport), of H.M.S. "Frobisher." The judges' report states that the general quality of the exhibits was good, which was particularly satisfactory as the competition was carried out during much hotter weather than last year. Only seventeen points divided the highest and lowest marks awarded.

In the section for ships without bakeries, the prize was awarded to P.O. Cook Frederick C. Phillimore (Chatham). H.M.S. "Ambuscade," whose exhibit was of "exceptional merit."

A message from the Hague states that the formation of the new extra-Parliamentary Cabinet, nominated by Jonkheer Ruys de Beernbrout at the request of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, following his failure to form a Government of the Right parties, has been officially confirmed.

FRUIT TRADE

CHANNEL ISLANDS TELEPHONE REFUSED

The National Federation of Fruit and Potato Trades Associations, at whose executive committee meeting in London recently the question of a telephone to the Channel Islands was discussed, regret that the Postmaster-General has declined to receive a deputation on the subject. The federation has been informed, however, that the question is already under consideration by the technical staffs of the G.P.O. and the Island telephone authorities.

The committee have decided to write again to the Postmaster-General, urging the necessity for the cable to be laid in time for use before next season.

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BABY'S OWN TABLETS



RADIO TOPICS

TO-DAY'S RADIO

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W.

ON 350 METRES

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcast Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

5.30-6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese Music.

7-8 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m.—Evening Programme

(Columbia Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Music Co., Ltd.).

"The Belle of New York" Selection, Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards

"Valse Bleue" (Margis), "Amoureuse Valse" (Berger), J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

"Love The Magician" (de Falla), "Morris" Symphony Orchestra.

"Clowns in Clover" "The Cavalier", "Clowns in Clover—Little Boy Blues", Quartette; Jane, Bobby Comer, Chick Dennis Cowles & Chorus.

"The Gipsy Baron" (Strauss), Selection.

"Johann Strauss & Symphony Orch.", "The Marriage of Figaro—Oh, Come, Do Not Delay", "You, Who Have Knowledge", (Mozart) Soprano Bella Bailie.

"Pomp And Circumstance" March, "Mardi Lorraine" (Ganne), Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"Song Without Words, No. 18", (Hendelsson), "Minuet in G minor" (Paderewski), "Phaetor Solo, William Murdoch.", "Signal March Of The Cavalry", "The Imprisoned Cossacks", The Don Cossacks Choir.

"Barcarolle" Tchaikowsky, "Valse Oreoole", Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"Ave Maria" (Gounod), "Chanson Triste" (Tchaikowsky), Cello Solo, Giuseppe Di Silva.

"The Twelve Robbers", "On The Road To St. Petersburg", The Don Cossacks Choir.

"The Barber Of Seville" (Rossini), Overture B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.

"Polka", "Berceuse" (L'Ostent-Sacken), "The Bohemian Girl" (Balfie), Overture, Percy Pitt & B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.

"O Signore Che Dal Teto Natio" (Verdi), "Chorus Of Cigarette Girls" (Bizet), La Scala Chorus Of Milan.

"Prelude in C sharp Minor", "Humoresque" (Dvorak), Organ Solo, G. T. Pattman.

"Queen High" Selection, Percival Mackey's Band.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

BREMEN'S WIRELESS EQUIPMENT

A COMPREHENSIVE INSTALLATION

VIEWS OF AN EXPERT

Amongst the many unique features of the Norddeutscher Lloyd liner "Bremen," the wireless equipment is particularly interesting. A new phase of wireless equipment for marine purposes has been reached by this installation. It is one that will interest shipowners all over the world.

A wireless expert, who examined the equipment in detail on the ship, gave the following particulars to the London representative of the "Journal of Commerce."

The "Bremen" is equipped with the most modern wireless appliances which I have seen. Her installation is not limited to a wireless cabin. It has been raised to a definite department in the ship's organisation, and its importance has been recognised by the allotment of liberal accommodation.

On the top deck two large cabins have been provided for electrical equipment. One cabin, which is approximately 20ft. by 18ft., contains all the motors which are used for the various wireless transmitters and is fitted up as a fully-equipped workshop to enable any necessary repairs to be carried out at sea. The second cabin, which is approximately 14ft. by 12ft., contains all the low tension and high tension accumulators required for the various services, including the accumulators necessary for working the emergency transmitter. This room contains lead-covered tables and trays and a large sink where electric cells can be taken to pieces and reassembled. It also has a specially-prepared floor, and ventilation to deal with fumes arising from the chemicals employed. All the necessary precautions are also taken against the danger of fire.

Leading from the top deck there is a special stairway giving entrance to the main wireless operating cabins. These cabins, which are five in number, are spacious and specially lighted and ventilated, having regard to the work for which they are designed.

For The Passengers

The first of these cabins contains the main wireless transmitters and receivers. The second is a special cabin devoted to long distance reception. The third is a well-appointed office, in which one or more operators are always in attendance for the purpose of controlling the acceptance and delivery of the large number of radio telegrams which are dealt with on this vessel. The fourth cabin, which leads straight into the main companionway, and is therefore easily accessible to passengers, is specially provided and equipped for passengers to hand in their telegrams direct to a wireless operator, who is detailed for this duty. German shipowners preferring that all matters connected with the handling of traffic should be done by the telegraph staff which is conversant with all the rates and regulations involved and the complicated matters concerned with the counting and routing of message.

Their experience has shown that this is preferable to the previous arrangements, whereby passengers handed in telegrams at the ship's ordinary inquiry office, from which in turn questions frequently had to be referred to the wireless telegraphists before messages could be accepted. This cabin is spacious and comfortably furnished, and permits of attention being given to a number of passengers at one time, thus preventing delay and enabling large volumes of traffic to be handled with greater expedition. This cabin is accessible to passengers without their going on to open deck, and is fitted with an automatic telephone communicating with every part of the ship.

Immediately opposite this room, but separated by a companion-way is a sound-proof telephone chamber providing accommodation for passengers to speak, without being overheard by other passengers, to their friends on any passing ships that may be similarly equipped, or to their friends on shore when suitable connection is established with the landline telephone system.

The importance which the German shipowner attaches to the equipment of a wireless department is forcibly illustrated by the accommodation provided. No fewer than 12 spacious cabins have been set aside to ensure the efficient working of this department. The system used is the Telefunken.

Six Operators The "Bremen" carries six wireless operators, who are provided with every comfort. Each of the four senior operators is provided with a well-appointed cabin adjoining the main operating cabins, and a special bathroom is provided for their exclusive use. One large cabin is provided for the two junior operators. Each of the wireless operators' cabins is connected by telephone to the wireless office, and, in addition, the chief operator is provided with a special automatic telephone enabling him to speak direct to the captain and other chief officers of the ship.

With regard to the operating details, it is interesting to note that all the motors situated on the top deck are controlled by automatic starters operated from the main wireless cabin by a push button control box. This arrangement ensures that no sound of these motors penetrates to any of the operating cabins, but a dial within easy sight of each operator indicates if each motor is running properly.

The main installation on which the greatest bulk of traffic is cleared consists of a 3-kw. C.W. and L.C.W. transmitter, and can be operated on waves from 500 to 3,000 metres. A smaller powered transmitter which operates only on L.C.W. on waves of 175 metres and between 600 and 800 metres is provided, and used principally for inter-ship and short distance communication. The third transmitter, which works on C.W. and L.C.W. is provided for working either telegraphy or telephony on waves between 13 and 105 metres, and a special short range telephone transmitter is provided for communication direct between the ship and the shipowner's offices. In addition, a 1/4 kw. spark transmitter is installed, purely for emergency purposes in case of distress.

On The Bridge

Each transmitter is provided with a separate receiver. The whole of this apparatus is connected up to a switchboard so arranged that each set can be worked independently or otherwise as desired. Duplex working can be carried out by two operators working at the same time on the main set, while at the same time a third operator can be receiving Press, weather reports, or time signals, and a constant watch can be maintained by a fourth operator on the distress wave of 600 metres. Contrary to the practice usually adopted on British ships, the direction-finder apparatus on the

"Bremen" is installed on the bridge and is worked by the ship's officers, so that it is at all times under the direct observation and control of the navigation officer. Immediately adjacent to the direction-finding apparatus on the bridge is the electric depth-finding apparatus, and by means of these two important wireless and electrical aids to navigation the ship's officers are enabled to determine the exact position in any weather and during the thickest fog.

To complete this important department of the ship's organisation, four of the motor lifeboats carried by the "Bremen" are fitted with small but complete and easily-operated wireless installations.

A STRIKING SET

UDISCO CONCERT COMBINATION IN AUSTRALIA

One of the most striking sets that has been presented to the Australian public for some time, the new Udisco concert combination, is (says the "Queenslander") at once a highly efficient piece of apparatus and a fine piece of furniture. Essentially the combination consists of a nine-valve radio set, with a one-dial tuning control, plus a built-in electrically driven gramophone, which at the touch of a switch is immediately at the service of the operator.

The finest home may welcome as part of its decorative scheme this de luxe console model. Its perfection of design and finish, evidences of master furniture craftsmanship, are simply in introduction to the quality that is represented in the design and workmanship of the set proper. The opening of the cabinet doors reveals the control panel as entirely in harmony with the beauty of the console. Specially designed bakelite knobs and wave-length control shield of embossed bronze add to the richness of the panel. Concealing a de luxe model of the magnavox dynamic speaker, a silk grille relieves the severity of the under panel, and adds to the general tone of the set.

Nine-valve Unit

Having inspected the cabinet, one's thoughts turn to the set—nine valves—let's see what it will do. Pressing a switch supplies the power, and then a slow rotation of the wave-length drum produces the broadcast programme. A turn of the volume control knob and the reproduction is just as one would wish—Melbourne coming in as a softly concealed orchestra. A little louder? A half-turn of the volume knob, and the flow of music is sufficient for a large company to dance to. All Australian and New Zealand stations come in with just that slow turning of the wave-length drum. So much for the radio end.

GRAMOPHONE UNIT

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Static, the bugbear of Australian semi-tropical radio, is a thing no one has yet managed to effectively quieten. Radio engineers have been able to put this nuisance in the background, but even so on odd nights it will appear as an obstruction to good reception. It is for these nights, or when one feels in the mood for a selected programme, that the gramophone section is brought into play.

In this case the tuning drum is dispensed with, and the lid of the console lifted to reveal the record turntable. A turn of a switch is all that is necessary to start the electrically driven disc, the unit then operating as a gramophone. But what a difference in the reproduction! Every note is faithfully reproduced electrically in the true, rounded tones that are the delight of the music lover. Volume control is again operated by a knob. A touch of the knob makes the sound as soft, or as loud, as one would wish. A specially balanced control, operated by a small "tone" knob allows a predominance, or otherwise, of the treble at the will of the operator. For the mechanically inclined it may be said that the set is a nine-valve unit, employing five stages of radio frequency, detector, and three choke resistance, coupled audio stages. In addition to these, of course, is the power valve for the operation of the loud speaker. Standardised parts of high grade manufacture have been used throughout, and unit construction is employed to simplify service should it ever become necessary. One feature worthy of note is an automatic coupling of the r.f. stages, which allows full amplification to be obtained on all wavelengths.

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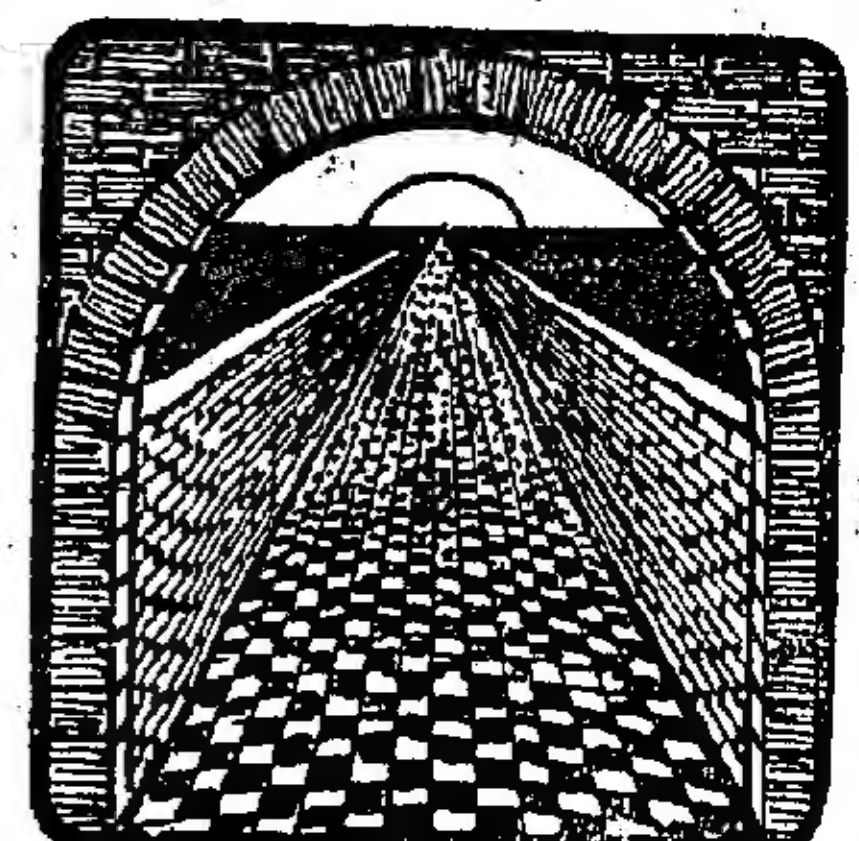
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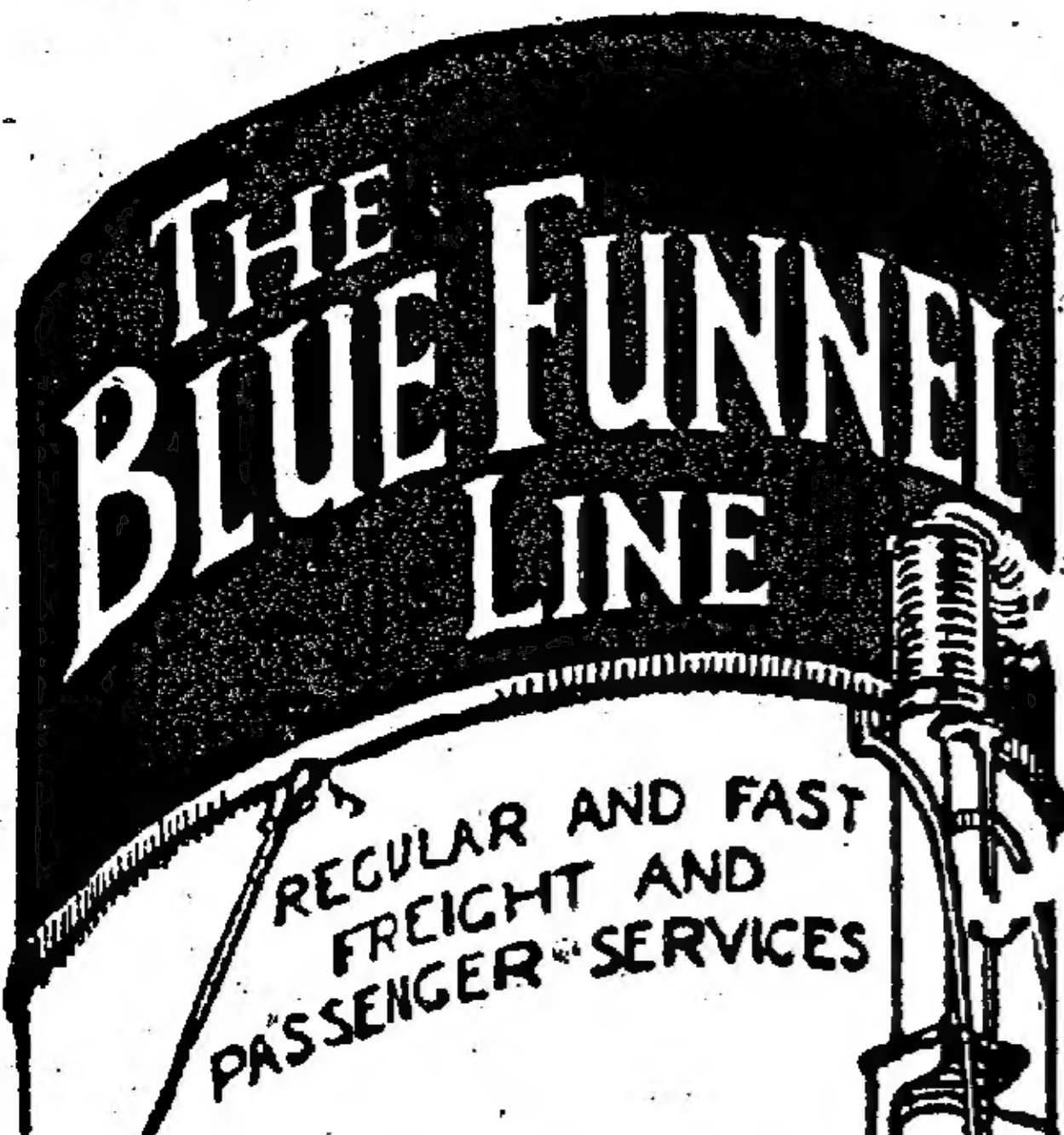
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Call at Casablanca.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.	
Straits	Tilawa
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.	
Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.	
Australia and Manila	Aki Maru
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.	
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London, 22nd August)	Namsang
Japan and Shanghai	Kitano Maru
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.	
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 23rd Aug.), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Polk
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.	
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, 22nd August)	Seattle Maru
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 30th Aug.), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Jefferson
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 28th Aug.), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Siberia Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.	
Manila	Empress of France 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., C. & S. America, *Canada and *Europe via San Francisco	Shinyo Maru (Due San Francisco, 11th Oct.) Registration...Sept. 17, 5 p.m. Letters...Sept. 18, 8.30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.	
Foochow and Wei Hai Wei via Swatow	Huichow 9.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjibadak 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Cremer 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Calchas 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Liangchow 3.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.	
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Menado Maru 8.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjibadak 10.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.	
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Chengtu 9.30 a.m.
Japan	Aki Maru 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Nam Chang 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning 2 p.m.
Air Mail for London	Kitano Maru 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Kitano Maru (Due Marseilles, 20th Oct.)
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Registration...Sept. 20, 4.30 p.m.	Registration...Sept. 21, 8.45 a.m.
Letters...Sept. 21, 9 a.m.	Letters...Sept. 21, 9.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.	
Amoy and Japan	Namsang 5 p.m.
Manila	President Polk 5 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

FRIENDLY MISSION

REPLACING COOLNESS BY CORDIALITY

BASELESS SUSPICION

London, Yesterday.—"To substitute cordiality for coolness," is the official reason given by Reuter for Mr. MacDonald's visit to America. He will only discuss with Mr. Hoover the subjects at present being negotiated, but intends to establish a general goodwill and kill baseless suspicions.

Mr. MacDonald arrives in New York on October 4, and will proceed direct to Washington, where he will remain until October 10. Thence he will visit Philadelphia where, inter alia, he will entertain the doctors who treated him during his illness there in 1927. Later he will return to New York, visit the Niagara Falls, and reach Toronto on October 15, possibly meeting Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier. He goes to Ottawa on October 17 to stay for three days as the guest of Mr. Mackenzie King, after which he will visit Montreal, and Quebec, leaving for home on October 25 by the s.s. "Duchess of York." The Premier will be due back at the House of Commons on November 4, when Parliament re-assembles.—Reuter.

TRAINED RESERVES

CECIL'S DISARMAMENT RESOLUTION

NO TANGIBLE RESULT

Geneva, To-day.—It is generally felt that nothing tangible will result from Viscount Cecil's disarmament resolution, the object of which, apparently, is to keep the matter open by again stating the British view. The resolution makes no reference to trained reserves.—Reuter.
(An earlier message stated: "The newspapers are up in arms as regards the land disarmament proposal which it is understood Viscount Cecil is submitting to Geneva on behalf of the British Government, suggesting the limitation of trained reserves. France has always opposed limitation and a Franco-British Agreement was reached a year ago that Great Britain would not oppose the French viewpoint.")

SOLDIER ACCOSTED

For accosting Lance-Corporal R. Hill, of the 1st Battalion the Somerset Light Infantry in Praya East last night, Mercedes Annie Garcia (19), who claimed to be a Mexican subject, was this morning fined \$50 or, in default, ordered to serve one month's hard labour, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton. She alleged that it was a trap. Hill accosted her and after speaking a few words, he looked back over his shoulder and the Military Police came up and arrested her. Accused was convicted because she was unable to prove that she was a decent person.

Thieves who raided a Birmingham jeweller's shop and took valuable goods got in by cutting a hole through the ceiling.

OPIUM TRAFFIC STILL SERIOUS

JAPAN'S APPEAL

LEAGUE MAY HAVE TO FORGE NEW WEAPONS

POSTAL DRUG TRAFFIC

Geneva, Yesterday.—The situation of the opium traffic is still serious. According to a rapporteur, the Fifth Committee is urging all the Governments which have not ratified the 1925 Convention to do so at the earliest moment, otherwise the League will have to forge new weapons.

Viscount Mushakoji (Japan) appealed for a speeding up of the Convention, and suggested that the manufacture of drugs be restricted to pharmaceutical requirements with an adequate supervision of the trade. The Norwegian and Swedish spokesmen announced their intention to ratify the Convention.

The British delegates submitted two resolutions, the first designed to secure the help of countries where smuggling is widespread, and the second to create strict international supervision of postal drug traffic.—Reuter.

TYPHON NEWS

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:

The anti-cyclone is central to the south of Korea. Depressions are situated to the north-east of Hokkaido and to the east of the Visayas.

Forecast.—E. winds, moderate; fair to showery.

The American Consulate-General has received the typhoon warning from the Manila Observatory.

To-day 10 a.m.—Typhoon in about 129 degrees Long. E. and 15 degrees Lat. N. moving W.

PARIS MURDER

OFFICIAL SHOT WHEN ENTERING OFFICE

MURDERER CAUGHT

Paris, Yesterday.

M. Bayle, Director of the Criminal Records Department was shot dead when ascending the stairs to his office in the Law Courts.

The fleeing murderer, who was caught in the street outside, gave the name of Joseph Philippone, and said he was a native of Lyons.—Reuter.

AERIAL MAILS

Canton, Yesterday.

The Government of Nanking has definitely decided on the establishment of an aerial mail service between Hankow and Shanghai.

Preparations are now proceeding to inaugurate the service immediately on the arrival of the "planes," which are expected in October.—Canton News Agency.

"WATER MONEY"

LEADS TO FIGHT BETWEEN TWO WOMEN

BLACK EYE OVER 60 CENTS

Two married Chinese women "had it out" in Wai Ching Street yesterday afternoon, which resulted in both of them appearing at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith charged with fighting.

One woman stated that the other had lived with her for a time and then came a dispute over the rent. She told her to go, and had a lawyer's letter sent to her for clearance within a month. She left, but still owed 60 cents for "water money." Over this they quarrelled, and a few "words" led to a commotion.

The other woman received a black eye, and her version of the incident was that the woman to whom she paid rent objected to the nuisance of her baby!

His Worship: It takes two people to make a fight, you know. One cannot do it! You are both bound over in bonds of \$50 each to keep the peace for six months. You will both sign them personally.

MURDER CASE

(Continued from Page 1.)

Re-examined by counsel for the prosecution, witness said that the fight started on the second visit of the Indian. The Indian was tricked into placing his revolver and baton on the ground. She only saw the prisoner hitting at the Indian with a bamboo pole. She saw no other weapons used.

The next witness called was a nun from a nunnery near Sham-chun, who said that she saw the girl witness and the prisoner taking shelter from the rain on July 11 outside the nunnery door. Two men later joined them and asked the girl and prisoner where they were going.

A villager said that he saw the girl pass something to the prisoner, who then turned round and fired at the two men who were pursuing them. He (witness) then gave chase and finally caught the girl and the prisoner.

Case proceeding.

Girls' Ordeal
Continuing her evidence yesterday afternoon, the girl said that the Indian constable had given \$2 to prisoner for her. Prisoner took the money and the Indian constable asked her to go outside with him. She refused, and the Indian then demanded his \$2 back. Prisoner refused to part with the money. In the meantime, the Indian had taken his clothes off and also his belt. Prisoner told her that all he wanted was the Indian's revolver. Witness said that she had had nothing to do with the Indian, and that she had run away to her brother in Hong-kong at about 9 p.m. Prisoner joined her there later, and together they set off on a walking tour to Canton. She had to do this under threat of being shot to death by prisoner. They walked through the night and had a morning meal at Tai-po Market. During the journey prisoner showed her the revolver, but she had refused to carry it.

Lamentations in Court
Witness, after describing how the villagers at Tai-po had suspected them, and the incidents which finally led to their arrest, broke down when the two choppers were shown her. She emphatically denied that she had seen the choppers before. She then became hysterical.

She loudly lamented her unfortunate lot. She sang and cried so loudly and bitterly that she was eventually led away. His Lordship instructing the Police Officers to handle her gently, saying that the rest of her evidence could be taken to-day.

Dr. D. J. Valentine, who had examined the prisoner, said that he found four slight wounds on the back of the left hand and three on the back of the right hand. The wounds could have been caused by a chopper. There were other abrasions in other parts of the prisoner's body, and these could have resulted from a fight.

The Wigan death-rate of 12.62 per thousand for last year is the lowest ever recorded in the borough.

Lancashire County Council are to convert Wrightington Hall, near Wigan, into a sanatorium at a cost of \$115,000.

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